

March 29, 2006

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-06-005

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV staff on this date.

Facility

Columbia Generating Station
Energy Northwest
Richland, WA
Docket: 50-397
License No. NPF-21

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF UNUSUAL EVENT DUE TO RANGE FIRE IN PROXIMITY OF THE COLUMBIA NUCLEAR PLANT

DESCRIPTION: At 1:57 p.m. (PST) on March 28, 2006, an unusual event was declared at the Columbia Generating Station due to a range fire near the facility. The range fire was located on owner controlled property approximately 150 yards southeast of the protected area boundary. The fire was extinguished by the Hanford fire department. The unusual event was terminated at 4:40 p.m. (PST).

The basis for the event declaration was the potential for the fire to impact plant safety equipment. During this event, the fire did not cause an actual threat to any plant safety equipment. No personnel were injured during the event.

The licensee is investigating the cause of the fire.

The state of Washington has been informed.

The resident inspectors monitored the licensee's response to this event.

This information has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 12:05 p.m. (PST) on March 29, 2006.

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