

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--

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This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

FACILITY: Tennessee Valley Authority
Power Operation Support Facility
Nashville, Tennessee

SUBJECT: RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS HOAX

At 3:00 a.m. EDT on August 10, 1979 the Associated Press in Nashville, Tennessee received an anonymous telephone call saying that 300 grams of radioactive material would be released inside a TVA power operation support facility in Nashville. The Associated Press called Nashville police and TVA security. Police went to the office complex where they found that a small brick wrapped in aluminum foil had been thrown through the front door. TVA brought in health physics specialists to examine the package, and it was not radioactive. A threatening note was attached. TVA notified the FBI.

The IAT has been notified.

This event did not involve any TVA facility licensed by the NRC. There has been media interest. The State of Tennessee has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the TVA Public Information Officer at 6:30 a.m. EDT on August 10.

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