

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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Date: October 16, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-79-07

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety 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 on this date.

Facility: Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Station  
Wiscasset, Maine  
Docket No. 50-309

Subject: DIESEL GENERATOR TURBOCHARGER FIRE

At 8:35 a.m. on October 16, 1979, while performing a 24 hour load test of the 1B emergency diesel generator, a fire occurred in the turbocharger exhaust piping. The diesel shut down on a generator trip (operating in non-safeguard mode). Cause of trip is unknown. Extent of damage is unknown. The reactor plant is operating at full power. Operability of the remaining emergency diesel is being verified as required by Technical Specifications.

Media interest is expected because of close attention given to events at nuclear power plants. The State of Maine has been informed.

NRC, Region I, (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from RI Inspection on site at 11:00 a.m.

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