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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

October 29, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-79-17

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event 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 as of this date

FACILITY: Tennessee Valley Authority
Sequoyah Unit 1
Docket No. 50-327
Chattanooga, Tennessee

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNING EXERCISE

On October 28 at 12:08 p.m., Region II (Atlanta) was notified by telephone that an emergency drill was being conducted at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. Participation included the plant, TVA, State of Tennessee, NRC, EPA, DOE and local government agencies. NRC drill observers are witnessing the State of Tennessee response in conjunction with NRC concurrence with the State Emergency Plan.

Region II responded to this exercise by initiation of a partially unannounced Region II drill. The Region II Emergency Center was manned at 12:45 p.m. A Site Inspection Team was immediately dispatched to the site by chartered aircraft, arriving on site at 3:15 p.m. The Region II Mobile Laboratory was also sent to the site, arriving at 4:00 p.m. Region II personnel are observing licensee actions, and working with the State and DOE, simulating a complete Region II response. Termination of the exercise is scheduled for Noon today.

Media interest is extensive in the State of Tennessee. National media interest may develop. A news release is not planned by the licensee or NRC unless circumstances dictate.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information and no further action by IE is anticipated. This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. on October 29.

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