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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 7, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNC-79-310

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

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL INJURY

At approximately 8:00 p.m. on August 6 an operator fell 30 feet to the reactor cavity floor and received two broken ankles, possible fracture of one leg and vertebra. He was taken to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The individual was assisting in conducting a preoperational test and fell while proceeding down into the reactor cavity to check water level in the reactor vessel. A TVA Accident Investigation team is on site. Unit No. 1 is 99% complete and preoperational testing is in progress. Radioactive materials were not involved in this occurrence.

Media interest is anticipated. The licensee is issuing a news release; the NRC does not plan a news release. The State of Tennessee and OSHA have been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from Resident Inspector at 9:10 a.m. on August 7.

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