

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

January 22, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-13

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
Browns Ferry Unit 1
Docket No. 50-259
Decatur, Alabama

SUBJECT: SMALL FIRE IN TURBINE BUILDING

A small smoldering fire in a cable tray beneath the turbine building operating floor was detected and extinguished by plant personnel on January 21. The cause of the fire is being investigated by TVA. TVA stated the fire occurred in a section of the cable tray located directly under a floor opening where trash could have fallen. No release of radioactivity or degradation of reactor building equipment occurred. The fire damaged the insulation on two cables providing power to a moisture separator drain pump and a switchyard cooling fan. Cable repairs will be made during the refueling outage now in process.

Local media interest occurred following a news release by TVA. NRC does not plan a news release. The State of Alabama has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the resident inspector at 3:50 p.m. on January 21.

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