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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: March 7, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-36

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Facility: Ballimore Gas and Electric Co.
Calvert Cliffs Unit 11 DN 50-318
Lusby, Maryland

Subject: SITE EMERGENCY DUE TO FIRE IN DIESEL GENERATOR ROOM NO. 21

At 1:30 PM, March 7, the licensee reported via "hot line" that a small fire had occurred in Diesel Generator Room No. 21 at 1:07 PM and had been extinguished at 1:08 PM.

The fire was caused by fuel oil accumulation in the exhaust manifold. Oil subsequently leaked out onto the hot manifold through exhaust piping flanges. The oil accumulation was due to repeated starts and stops of the diesel during diesel maintenance. There was no damage to the diesel or any components.

A site emergency was declared at 1:07 PM as part of the licensee's fire procedure and secured at 1:17 PM.

Media interest is expected due to close coverage of the facility. The licensee is considering a press release. The NRC is not planning a press release. The State of Maryland has been informed.

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