

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

April 20, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-81-29

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 Nuclear Plant
Docket No. 50-328
Chattanooga, TN 37401

SUBJECT: INJURY OF PERSONNEL

On April 19, at approximately 11:45 a.m. (CST), five Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) steamfitters were burned by escaping steam while performing maintenance on a Unit 2 steam valve. The steam had apparently leaked past an isolation valve. The workers were removing the bonnet assembly from the turbine driven auxiliary feed pump steam admission valve when the injuries occurred. Three of the workers were transported to Erlinger Hospital in Chattanooga, where they were admitted and are reported in stable condition. Two of the workers were transported to Red Bank Hospital, where they were treated and released.

Media interest has occurred. The licensee is responding to media inquiries. The NRC does not plan to issue a news release. The State of Tennessee has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from resident inspector at 8:00 a.m. (CST) on April 20, 1981.

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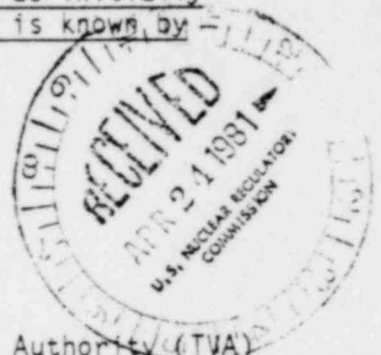
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