

June 15, 1983

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-83-47

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region II staff on this date.

FACILITY: Tennessee Valley Authority
Browns Ferry Units 2 and 3
Docket No. 50-260 and 50-296
Athens, Alabama

Licensee Emergency Classification:
☒ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☐ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN MINOR EVENT

The licensee has placed a taped announcement on its automated nuclear information telephone of a minor event which occurred June 13.

Train "B" of the Standby Gas Treatment System (SGTS) was declared inoperable at 9:20 p.m. (CDT) on June 13 due to problems with its filter heaters. Technical specifications require that the licensee demonstrate the operability of the two alternate trains within two hours under such circumstances if normal plant operation is to continue.

The "A" train was declared operable, but the "C" train test failed due to low flow in the system. The licensee commenced preparations to shut down at the expiration of the two-hour limit. However, with power reduction in progress, the "C" train was declared operable at 12:10 a.m. (CDT) on June 14, and power operations were resumed.

Unit 1 is down for refueling.

The SGTS is a standby filtering system required to be operable at all times to filter radioactive gaseous effluents before discharge from the plant when needed.

This event involved no equipment damage, no personnel error or injury, and no radioactivity was released from the facility above that which occurs during normal operations.

Media interest has occurred. The NRC does not plan to issue a news release but will respond to media inquiries.

This Preliminary Notification is being issued for information purposes only.

Region II plans routine followup as per Module Chapter 2515 for operating plants.

The State of Alabama has been informed.

The NRC Headquarters Incident Response Center received initial notification of this event by telephone from the licensee at 1:25 a.m. (EDT) on June 14.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. on June 15.

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