February 9, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-82-18

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 IE staff on this date.

FACILITY:	Virginia Electric & Power Surry Unit 1 Docket No. 50-280 Surry, Virginia	Power Company	Licensee Emergency Classification: Notification of Unusual Event
			Alert Site Area Emergency General Emergency
			X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: REACTOR TRIP AND SAFETY INJECTION

While the unit was decreasing power in preparation for a 10-day maintenance outage, a reactor trip and safety injection occurred at 8:27 p.m. (EST) on February 8. The gradual shutdown began at 7:00 p.m.

The trip and safety injection ocurred after erratic turbine control resulted in a high differential pressure between the main steam line and header.

Safeguards systems functioned properly.

The licensee will evaluate the cause of the event during the scheduled outage.

Media interest has not occurred. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans a press release. The Commonwealth of Virginia has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the headquarters duty officer at 9:15 p.m. on February 8.

This information is current as of 12:30 p.m. on February 9.

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