

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-82-19

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: Northeast Nuclear Energy Company  
Millstone Nuclear Station, Unit 1  
(DN 50-245)  
Waterford, CT

Licensee Emergency Classification:

_____	Notification of Unusual Event
_____	Alert
_____	Site Area Emergency
_____	General Emergency
<u>  X  </u>	Not Applicable

Subject: SWITCHYARD FIRE

At 6:57 a.m., February 17, a fault in a circuit switcher located in the 345 kv switchyard resulted in a fire. Damage was confined to that device. The Millstone Unit 1 reserve station service transformer was deenergized at 7:00 a.m., to deenergize the faulty circuit switcher. Unit 1 was operating at full power with its electrical loads supplied through the nuclear station service transformer; Unit 2 was shutdown for a refueling outage, with electrical loads being supplied through its nuclear station service transformer. As a precautionary measure, the Unit 1 emergency diesel generator and emergency gas turbine generator were started and placed in parallel with their output busses. Manual disconnects associated with the faulty circuit switcher were opened to allow the Unit 1 reserve station service transformer to be reenergized at 8:00 a.m. The Waterford Fire Department responded to the fire; however, due to the short duration of the fire their services were not needed.

ENS notification was made by the licensee at 7:15 a.m. This PN is issued for information only.

Media interest is possible due to public interest in this facility. The licensee intends to issue a press release. The NRC does not plan to issue a press release but will respond to media inquiries. The State of Connecticut has been informed. The Senior Resident Inspector was in the control room at the time of the incident.



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