

August 28, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-81-22

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: Public Service Company of Colorado
Fort St. Vrain
Platteville, Colorado
Docket: 50-267

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

SUBJECT: FIRE UNDER CABLE TRAY IN REACTOR BUILDING

The Unit was in a shutdown mode when, at approximately 2:00 p.m. (MDT), on August 26, 1981, a fire occurred beneath cable tray 322M located in the overhead on Level 2 of the Reactor Building. The fire started in an oil absorbent material placed beneath the cable tray as a result of hot slag falling from a contractor's work involving the removal of a pipe hanger weld. The outer sheath on approximately 30 cables in the tray were damaged by the fire. The maximum damage to the outer sheath on any one cable was reported to be eight inches. A preliminary inspection by the licensee (including meggering) indicated no damage to the conductors or their insulation. The licensee does, however, plan to replace four cables which suffered the greatest damage to the outer sheath.

The plant remains below the 2% power level pending an evaluation of the damage and development of a means for repairing or replacing the cables if necessary.

Tray 322M contains 37 cables, 16 of which are essential cables.

The duration of the fire was approximately three minutes and was extinguished locally by plant personnel.

During his review of logs on August 27, 1981, the resident inspector noted that the fire had occurred.

No press release is planned by either Region IV or the licensee.

Fort St. Vrain is a High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor.

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