

November 17, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-82-126

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: Virginia Electric & Power Company
North Anna Unit 1
Docket No. 50-338
Mineral, Virginia

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

SUBJECT: FAILED MAIN TRANSFORMER

On November 16, at 7:12 p.m. (EST), while heating up the reactor for startup following refueling, the "C" main transformer failed.

A small hole was blown in the body of the transformer, spraying oil into the adjacent area. There was no fire, and all the oil was contained in a concrete basin surrounding the transformer.

The transformer was supplying power to the Unit from the grid at the time.

The licensee is investigating the cause. This is the sixth main transformer failure to occur at North Anna and the first at Unit 1.

The Resident Inspector and Region II specialists will monitor the licensee's investigation and corrective action and will keep appropriate NRR and IE officials informed. The licensee will brief NRC officials in Atlanta on November 22.

Media interest has not occurred. Neither the NRC nor the licensee has issued a news release.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has been informed.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Resident Inspector at 8:00 p.m. (EST) on November 16.

This information is current as of 10:30 a.m. (EST) on November 17.

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