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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-83-75

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FACILITY: Tennessee Valley Authority  
Bellefonte Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-438 and 50-439  
Scottsboro, Alabama

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN LAYOFFS

Regional media interest has developed in TVA's layoff of 700 construction workers in selected trades at Bellefonte, which began two weeks ago and which will be completed by September 21.

In response to media inquiries, TVA spokesmen said the worker cutbacks are part of a re-evaluation of the scope of work and design at Bellefonte and the integration of construction with NRC requirements.

Continuing to work at the site are 1500 trades and labor employees and 1000 in the annual salaried category.

Bellefonte Unit 1 is now 83 percent complete, while Unit 2 is 63 percent complete. Bellefonte and Watts Bar are currently TVA's only two active construction sites. Its operating plants are Browns Ferry and Sequoyah.

TVA's re-evaluation at Bellefonte is expected to be completed by January 1984. The slowed construction pace could delay initial fuel loading of Unit 1 from May 1985 to 1987, with a similar impact on Unit 2.

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