

October 16, 1995

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-95-055

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 Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

Facility

Tennessee Valley Authority
Sequoyah 1 2
Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee
Dockets: 50-327, 50-328

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: INJURED CONTAMINATED CONTRACTOR TRANSPORTED TO LOCAL HOSPITAL

On October 14, 1995, a contractor received a 1/2 inch diameter cut on his left palm while performing steam generator tube pulling on Unit 1, which was in a refueling outage. The initial count rate in the wound area was 24,000 counts per minute. The licensee was unable to decontaminate the wound below a level of 1000 counts per minute due to metal shavings embedded in the wound.

The licensee transported the contractor to a local hospital for further medical treatment, accompanied by a licensee health physics technician, and was subsequently released. Additional licensee efforts to decontaminate the wound below 1000 counts per minute have been unsuccessful to date. The licensee has estimated exposure of the individual's palm area to be 440 millirem thus far.

The NRC received initial notification of this event by telephone from the licensee on October 14, 1995, at 3:14 a.m., EDT.

The State of Tennessee has been informed.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m., on October 16, 1995.

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