

October 25, 1984

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-84-73

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: Tennessee Valley Authority
Sequoyah Unit 2
Docket No. 50-328
Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN SMALL FIRE

A TVA health physics technicians discovered, and quickly extinguished, a small fire at 12:05 a.m. (EDT) today in the lower containment of Sequoyah Unit 2. Some contaminated protective clothing lying on top of containment ventilation ductwork was burning. Some welding slag has been found in the clothing.

Because of the fire, TVA declared an unusual event at 3:15 a.m. and cancelled it shortly thereafter. TVA is investigating the cause of the fire. Region II health physics and security personnel are monitoring the TVA investigation.

Sequoyah Unit 2 is shut down for refueling. Unit 1 is operating at 100 percent power.

Media interest is expected, since TVA has announced the incident on its daily, taped nuclear plant status report. Region II does not plan a news release.

The State of Tennessee and the Information Assessment Team have been informed.

This information is current as of 11 a.m. today.

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