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FACILITY: Washington Nuclear Project No. 2  
WNP-2  
Richland, WA  
50-397

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

SUBJECT: EXTENSIVE PRAIRIE BRUSH FIRE

A brush fire progressed across the prairie in eastern Washington over the weekend, August 11-12, burning an estimated 50,000 acres. The Department of Energy activated its Emergency Control Center at about 3:30 PM August 12 and coordinated fire fighting on the reservation. Roads were closed at 4:45 PM, inhibiting access to the WNP-2 facility. The plant staff isolated ventilation systems and initiated closed cycle ventilation in the control room. The licensee declared an unusual event at 5:30 PM, after the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) advised that there was high potential for loss of the offsite 230 KV startup power lines and the 115 KV backup power lines. The plant diesel generators were started and paralleled to the primary buses as a contingency. The licensee declared an end to the unusual event at 8:10 PM after the fire front had passed the area and BPA had advised that the danger for loss of the two offsite power lines had subsided.

This information current as of 9:00 AM on 8/13/84.

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