

August 24, 1984

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-84-56

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 1
Docket No. 50-327
Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN INTERNAL TVA REPORT

Region II received from Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) today a copy of the TVA Nuclear Safety Review Staff report assessing TVA's actions in regard to the Sequoyah Unit 1 incore probe seal table break which occurred on April 19 (PNO-II-84-28 and PNO-II-84-28A, issued on April 20 and April 26). This report, which was issued on August 1, was the subject of an article in Nucleonics Week and the Wall Street Journal and is continuing to receive media interest today.

A preliminary review of the report by the Region II staff has raised some questions requiring further clarification about events which preceded the break and resulting leak of primary coolant. Several inspectors will go to the site on August 27 to pursue those questions further.

This incident was one of those discussed in IE Information Notice No. 84-55, "Seal Table Leaks at PWRs," issued on July 6 because of the event at Sequoyah.

Both TVA and Region II are continuing to respond to media inquiries.

The State of Tennessee has been informed.

This information is current as of 2 p.m. (EDT) today.

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