

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-84-100

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 I staff on this date.

Facility: GPU Nuclear Corporation
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating
Station
DN 50-219
Forked River, New Jersey

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

Subject: ELECTRICAL FIRE IN UNDERGROUND MANHOLE

At 2:50 a.m. on November 27, 1984, an electrical fire occurred in an underground manhole. The fire was put out by the site fire brigade using a portable halon extinguisher at 3:10 a.m. The Lacey Township fire department was called at 3:00 a.m. and arrived onsite at 3:13 a.m. The fire originated in a 19.9KV line, which supplies the "New Radwaste Building" from the 34.5KV bus in the switchyard. A splice in the 19.9KV line exploded in the manhole interrupting power to the radwaste building. Power was restored to the radwaste building at 6:00 a.m. from an alternative 19.9KV line. A member of the site fire brigade was taken to a local hospital for smoke inhalation and released.

The licensee plans to issue a press release.

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