

March 25, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-31

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
Browns Ferry Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, & 50-296
Athens, Alabama

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN LAUNDRY FIRE

A fire started in the clothes dryer of a laundry, located in the Browns Ferry radioactive waste building, at 12:58 a.m. (EST) on March 23. The fire was confined to the dryer and a laundry hoist and did not damage the rest of the building.

In accordance with the Browns Ferry emergency plan, TVA declared an unusual event at 1:12 a.m. and terminated it at 1:27 a.m. after the fire was out. TVA workers extinguished the fire with water and carbon dioxide. No radioactive contamination occurred and no airborne radiation was detected. The radioactive waste building, a common facility which serves all three Browns Ferry units, is adjacent to, but separate from, the reactor and turbine buildings.

TVA notified media in the Browns Ferry area of the incident. Media interest was heightened because March 22 was the 10-year anniversary of a major fire at Browns Ferry.

This information is current as of 10 a.m. today. The State of Alabama has been informed.

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