

December 18, 1984

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-84-102

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: Virginia Electric and Power Company
Surry Units 1 and 2
Docket No. Nos. 50-280 and 50-281
Surry, Virginia

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

SUBJECT: FIRE IN DIESEL GENERATOR CUBICLE

A fire broke out in the diesel cubicle at 7:40 a.m. today while a pre-service test was being conducted on emergency diesel generator No. 3, which is the "swing" diesel for Surry Units 1 or 2. Unit 1 is shut down for refueling, and Unit 2 was operating at 98 percent power. The other two emergency diesel generators on site were not affected.

Surveillance technicians, unable to extinguish the fire completely with a dry chemical hand-held unit, actuated the carbon dioxide deluge system. This system operated normally and put out the fire at 8:05 a.m. In accordance with the plant emergency plan, Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) declared an unusual event at 7:55 a.m., and terminated it at 8:40 a.m.

It is believed the fire was caused by a blown fuel oil plug which sprayed oil onto the turbocharger and crankcase. No outside assistance was needed to extinguish the fire, and no one was injured. VEPCO is evaluating the damage to the diesel.

VEPCO informed the NRC headquarters incident response center of this incident at 8:23 a.m. today. This information is current as of 1:30 p.m.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has been informed.

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