

January 29, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-85-04

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 NRC staff on this date.

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| FACILITY: Arkansas Power and Light Company Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 Russellville, Arkansas Docket: 50-313 | Licensee Emergency Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
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SUBJECT: 200 GALLONS DIESEL FUEL OIL SPILL

On January 25, 1985, at about 7 p.m., approximately 200 gallons of diesel were spilled into the discharge canal and swept into the Dardanelle Reservoir. The spill occurred when the auxiliary boiler day tank overflowed into the storm drain system. The licensee notified the U. S. Coast Guard and the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology and called out the company oil spill response team. A floating boom was installed across the discharge canal at 8:40 p.m., but apparently most of the oil had escaped prior to boom installation. By the afternoon of January 26, 1985, the oil had dispersed and the licensee was searching the reservoir banks for any pockets of oil which could be cleaned. The NRC was initially notified of the spill by a fisherman who reported that there had been an oil spill and a large fish kill. The senior resident inspector inspected the site upon notification and noted no fish kill which would be associated with the oil spill. There had been a large kill of shad during the previous week due to a large influx of shad into the intake structure travelling screens. As a result of this, many dead shad lined the banks of the discharge canal. Following his inspection, the SRI telephoned, the fisherman to discuss the situation and answer his questions. The licensee plans to continue monitoring and cleanup activities associated with the spill. The senior resident inspector is monitoring the licensee activities.

On January 26, 1985, the licensee made a press release concerning the oil spill and the Sunday local newspaper contained a small article on the spill. The licensee stated that a level instrument failure on the auxiliary boiler day tank was a contributing factor in the spill.

The state was notified.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. (CST) on January 29, 1985.

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