

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-84-94

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: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. Licensee Emergency Classification:
Vermont Yankee Nuclear N.P.S. Notification of Unusual Event
Vernon, Vermont Alert
DN 50-271 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: TURBINE BUILDING ROOF FIRE

Plant operators discovered a fire on the turbine building roof at 8:35 p.m. on 11/7/84 and declared an Unusual Event at 8:45 p.m. because the fire had not been immediately extinguished. The plant fire brigade and the Vernon Fire Department responded. Plant personnel extinguished the fire, which was confined to a 2 ft. by 4 ft. area on the South end of the heating and ventilation section of the turbine building. Notification was made to the NRC Duty Officer at 9:00 p.m. The emergency condition was terminated at 10:15 p.m. There were no injuries and no release of radioactive material as a result of the fire.

The fire occurred as a result of work on installation of a new turbine building roof and apparently was caused by the technique used to install the new roofing material. Roof insulation and tar paper apparently smoldered after the termination of work at 4:00 p.m. and then caught fire at about 8:35 p.m. Damage caused by the fire was minimal and limited to the newly installed material. The licensee is investigating the fire and has halted work activities on the roof pending completion of his review.

The State of Vermont has been informed. Notifications were made by the licensee when the emergency was declared. Media coverage has occurred.

NRC Region I received notification of this occurrence from the NRC Duty Officer and by telephone from the Resident Inspector at 9:15 a.m. on 11/8/84.

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