

July 29, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-73

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 Unit 3
Docket No. 50-296
Athens, Alabama

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN MINOR TRANSFORMER FIRE

Local media interest developed over the weekend when the licensee telephoned area news organizations to announce the occurrence of a small fire at 11:10 p.m. (CDT) on July 26 in a transformer in the 3 "C" 4KV Unit Board. The board was unloaded at the time and was in the process of being returned to service following maintenance.

There was no effect upon safety related loads, and the fire was extinguished at 11:25 p.m. (CDT) by the fire brigade.

The licensee is evaluating damage to adjacent electrical connections. Region II will conduct routine follow-up of licensee corrective actions.

All three Browns Ferry units are in cold shutdown.

The State of Alabama has been informed.

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. (EDT) on July 29.

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