

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-88-15

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:
Duquesne Light Company
Beaver Valley Unit 2
Docket No. 50-412

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

Subject: DECLARATION OF ALERT

At 7:08 p.m. on January 28, 1988, with the plant in cold shutdown (Mode 5), the control room experienced loss of all alarm annunciators. A small fire was detected in a remote annunciator cabinet and was immediately extinguished by the two operators who had been dispatched to investigate. Plant parameters were available throughout the event at the control room instruments and SPDS. Due to the sustained loss of annunciators, the licensee declared an alert in accordance with the emergency plan. All notifications were made as required by the alert declaration. The damaged solid state cards were removed and annunciation was restored to all but a few known alarm windows.

The alert was terminated at 10:45 p.m. following the restoration of annunciator capability.

Specialist inspectors were onsite at the time of the event; the resident inspector was recalled from home; and onsite NRC coverage was maintained throughout the alert. Inspectors from the resident office are onsite and Region I is monitoring the licensee's troubleshooting and repair activities.

A Commissioners assistant briefing was conducted 1/28 at 9:00 p.m.

Region I has responded to media inquiries.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been notified.

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