

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-86-22

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:

Pennsylvania Power and Light Company
Susquehanna Unit 1
Docket No. 50-387

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

Subject: UNUSUAL EVENT - WORKMAN INJURED/CONTAMINATED

The licensee declared an unusual event at 7:00 p.m. on March 21, due to a contaminated, injured workman. The individual was replacing the control rod drive housing support underneath the reactor vessel when the platform grating gave way. He fell about 10 feet to the subpile floor injuring his right knee. He was in full protective clothing (PC) using a respirator, but some contamination soaked through the clothing. He was decontaminated before being sent offsite. Contamination levels on the individual's skin were minimal (about 1^k to 3^k dpm/100 cm²) when he was transported via ambulance to the Berwick Hospital. The contamination levels were of no consequential dose to the individual involved. The hospital had been alerted and was prepared to minimize contamination spread. An HP technician rode with the individual in the ambulance and an HP supervisor went to the hospital. The unusual event was terminated at 7:57 p.m. when the individual was transported to the hospital. He was completely decontaminated and all contaminated materials were brought back to the site. Surveys of the hospital and ambulance showed no spread of contamination. The individual is a PP&L employee and has a broken knee cap.

The licensee issued a press release and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

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