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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 2.790(d)

October 18, 1976

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--

PNS-76-61

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

Facility: Virginia Electric and Power Company
North Anna Power Station (50338, 50339)

Subject: BOMB THREAT

Two bomb threats were received by the Louisa County Sheriff on 10/15/76. The first call, from an adult male, was received at 1019 hours and reported that 12 bombs had been placed at North Anna and were scheduled to go off by Tuesday. The caller said the bombs were "all over the place." The call was traced (the first successful tracing) to a pay phone in Mineral, Virginia. No suspects were identified.

The second call was received at 1042 hours from an adult female. The caller said that there are "some bombs" at the plant and to get the people off site. The sheriff's department employee who answered the phone thought the call was from a private phone (because some line noise characteristics peculiar to pay phones in the area were absent) but the trace was unsuccessful. A search of the plant was conducted but no bombs were found. All appropriate law enforcement officials were notified.

These were the 13th and 14th bomb threats at North Anna this year. Because of the work time lost by the licensee, a new policy has been implemented as of 10/15/76. Bomb threats will no longer be announced to the plant unless there is believed to be an immediate threat. Searches will be performed but there will normally be no evacuation. Signs are being posted throughout the plant announcing this policy and noting that telephone tracing equipment will be used.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only and no further action by Region II is anticipated.

Region II received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Plant Manager, at 1615 hours on 10/15/76. The Plant Manager stated that the notification delay was caused by discussion and implementation of the new bomb threat policy noted above.

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