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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-04-012

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

Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company
Haddam Neck Plant
362 Injun Hollow Road
East Hampton, CT 06424-3099

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Docket No.: 050-00213

License No.: DPR-61

SUBJECT: FIRE IN VACANT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT
DECOMMISSIONING REACTOR SITE

At 4:51 p.m., on Monday, September 27, 2004, workers at the Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company's Haddam Neck Plant notified the site's Control Room of a fire in the vacant Administration Building. This building is located outside the radiologically controlled area of the facility. An onsite fire brigade responded and applied water to the fire. The Control Room requested offsite firefighting assistance and initiated an evacuation of an adjacent building. Offsite fire responders arrived onsite at 5:06 p.m. and completed extinguishing the fire in approximately 30 minutes. The local fire chief and site workers then coordinated the final demolition of the building. Approximately two-thirds of the building had already been demolished when the fire broke out.

Workers had recently completed thermal cuts on steel support beams to weaken the structure prior to demolition and were in the process of knocking the building down when the fire was noticed. Sparks from the thermal cutting process apparently ignited roofing and building insulation materials.

The building had been previously confirmed by NRC to be free of radiological contaminants. The fire did not threaten any radiologically controlled areas or any of the spent fuel storage areas on the Haddam Neck site. The licensee has halted thermal-cutting work until an onsite review is completed and entered the event into its corrective action program. A Region I inspector is on site for a routine inspection and will be reviewing the license's initial corrective actions. There was local media interest in the event.

The State of Connecticut has been notified of this event.

The Region I Office of Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

The information is current as of 10:00 a.m., September 28, 2004.

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