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Significant Industrial Accident at Arkansas Nuclear One

Russellville, Ark. – A significant industrial accident occurred at Arkansas Nuclear One at approximately 7:45 a.m. There has been one confirmed fatality and three additional injuries. The injured employees have been transported to a nearby hospital. The accident occurred when a generator stator fell as it was being moved out of the turbine building. Unit 1 is in a refueling outage and Unit 2, which was operating at full power, automatically shut down. Both plants are in a stable shutdown condition and there is no danger to the public. The plant is in an unusual event classification, the lowest of four emergency classifications designated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Additional staff has been brought to the site to manage the situation.

Jeff Forbes, executive vice president and chief nuclear officer said, “We are deeply saddened by what has happened today. Our greatest sympathy is with the family and friends of the employee who lost his life, and with those who sustained injuries. I also want to express my sorrow and support to all those who work at Arkansas Nuclear One. I know this is especially hard on them.”

Area residents are requested not to call the plant. Local radio stations are the best source of up-to-date information and are being provided with the latest information by plant, federal, state and local officials.

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