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NRC MONITORS ALERT AT ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is monitoring the situation at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2, where an alert has been declared following a fire in an electrical panel resulting in the loss of power to some safety related equipment.

The NRC has activated its Incident Response Center in Arlington, Texas, from which staff are coordinating the agency's response to events. NRC resident inspectors are monitoring the licensee's response to events at the site.

"The plant is stable and there is no danger to public health or safety," Region IV Administrator Bruce S. Mallett said. "The licensee is determining the extent of damage and our resident inspectors will ensure that the cause of this event are fully understood."

An Alert is the second lowest of four emergency classifications. Entergy Operations declared the Alert at 1:04 p.m. Central Time following a fire in an electrical panel resulting in the loss of power to some safety equipment, including an emergency feedwater system.

The licensee reported the fire was quickly extinguished. Unit 1 was operating at 100 percent power; Unit 2 was at 67 percent power. Both units remain on line.

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