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NRC Responded to an Alert at Fermi Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission responded to an Alert declared March 20, at 2:05 p.m. EDT at the Fermi Nuclear Generation Plant due to a small fire near the turbocharger of a diesel generator. The fire was quickly put out and the Alert was terminated at 3:32 p.m.

The single-unit plant is operated by DTE Energy, and is located in Newport, Mich., about 25 miles northeast of Toledo.

The plant is currently shut down for a refueling outage and is in a stable condition. There was no radiation release and no impact to plant workers or the public.

The NRC resident inspectors at the site are following the event in consultation with NRC staff at the NRC Region III Office in Lisle, Ill.

Workers at the plant saw fire in the vicinity of the turbocharger, an air intake system, on one of station's four diesel generators during routine testing. Plant workers were able to quickly extinguish the small fire. The other diesel generators were not affected.

An Alert is the second lowest emergency level in the NRC's emergency classification system.

The NRC will review the circumstances surrounding the incident.