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NRC BEGINS SPECIAL INSPECTION AT SURRY NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has dispatched a Special Inspection Team to the Surry nuclear power plant, located near Surry, Va., northwest of Newport News. The team will review a June 8 reactor trip at the plant, which is operated by Dominion.

On June 8, a Unit 1 electrical bus at the Surry plant failed while plant employees were performing maintenance. That loss of power to some components caused the Unit 1 reactor to automatically shut down. There were several complications associated with that shutdown, including loss of power to some components, loss of some instrumentation and control room indications, and a small fire in a cabinet in the control room.

The NRC's Special Inspection Team is led by a senior resident inspector from another plant and includes a region-based inspector and another resident inspector. The team will review the circumstances surrounding the event, the licensee's ensuing actions, evaluate the adequacy of the company's past post-maintenance testing, and identify any generic issues for Surry or other nuclear plants.

The special inspection began Thursday, June 10 and is expected to continue for about a week. The NRC will issue a report within 45 days of the completion of the inspection.

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