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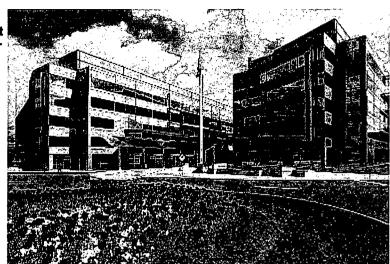
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Power outage at NRO Headquarters

On Mon., Aug. 25 at approximately 7:30 am, the Westfields facility experienced a Dominion Virginia Power outage. About 36 seconds later, NRO emergency generators restored power to Westfields.

This outage was caused by a malfunction affecting the Westfields main switchgear. An investigation is currently underway to determine the extent of damage caused by the malfunction and the course of action needed to resolve the problem. In the interim, the facility will remain continuously on generator power. See advisory below for the transition back to commercial power once the problem is resolved.

A team from MS&O/FSG is working with Dominion Virginia Power to determine when corrective actions will be in place for the restoration of commercial power to the facility. There is currently no time line for when these actions will take place as the team is still gathering information.



The NRO populace will be kept apprised of this issue as events develop.

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Advisory asks employees to conserve energy



The Westfields facility remains on generator power due to the facility power outage that occurred, Mon., Aug. 25. NRO will continue to operate under this condition until further notice and will implement selective load shedding to reduce the load on the generators.

MS&O/FSG requests that all personnel in the Westfields building assist in the effort to conserve energy, by reducing lighting levels in office suites and inner suite corridors, closing window blinds, and turning off lights in any unoccupied areas, e.g., conference rooms. Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated.

Westfield personnel can anticipate three power outages of varying degrees and lengths in order to repair the damaged equipment and transfer the full energy load back to Dominion Virginia Power. At times, the outages will affect specific towers, the whole complex, and in particular, phone switches. The schedule for these blackouts will be determined following damage assessment with Dominion Virginia. These outages can result in lost audix messages and any computer work not saved continuously.

Questions o	r concerns pertaining to this advisory should be addressed to	'n	r the Central F	l(b)(3
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