

Structure Collapses at Chernobyl; Ukraine Says No Danger

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KIEV — Part of a structure next to the damaged nuclear reactor at Ukraine's Chernobyl power plant collapsed, authorities said Wednesday, adding that there were no injuries or increase in radiation levels.

The Emergencies Ministry said Tuesday's collapse was not of the sarcophagus covering the reactor but part of the wall and roof of a turbine hall, which caved in under the weight of snow.

"There were no safety breaches," the ministry said in a statement.

The power plant's administration said in a separate statement: "There has been no change in the radiation levels at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant industrial area and in the [30-kilometer] exclusion zone. No one was injured."

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