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Worker burned in portable pump fire outside of Nebraska nuclear plant

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OMAHA, Neb — A worker at a security building outside of a nuclear power plant north of Omaha was badly burned while refilling a gas tank for a portable pump.

The Omaha Public Power District says the pump caught fire Thursday, and the unidentified worker suffered burns to his arms and face while putting out the blaze.

Emergency personnel of the Fort Calhoun Station took him outside the plant to a medical helicopter, which transported him to a burn center in Lincoln.

The power district says the security building isn't part of the nuclear plant and is surrounded by a sand-filled barrier to keep water out.

Officials say the nuclear plant was not in danger, though the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been notified of the incident.

The worker's name is being withheld pending notification of his family.

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







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