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# ***NEWS***

Schroeder, Minn.—Emergency responders were called to Minnesota Power's Taconite Harbor Energy Center in Schroeder this morning following a fuel system explosion confined to the plant's coal-storage bunkers. A long-time 41 year old Fuels Technician was in the coal bunker room at the time and was injured. He was taken by ambulance to the Cook County North Shore Hospital in Grand Marais and later transferred to a Duluth hospital. The extent of the employee's injuries is not known at this time, but the employee was conscious and communicative.

As a precaution, the power plant was temporarily evacuated, and firefighters remain on the scene extinguishing hot spots in the bunker area. Minnesota Power is investigating the cause of the incident.

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