

June 14, 2004

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-04-012A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV, Arlington, Texas, staff on this date.

**Facility**

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station  
Units 1, 2, and 3  
Arizona Public Service Company  
Phoenix, Arizona 85072  
Dockets: 50-528, 529, and 530  
License Nos. NPF-41, 51, and 74

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

Notification of Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: AUGMENTED INSPECTION TEAM (AIT) DISPATCHED TO PALO VERDE

DESCRIPTION:

An AIT was dispatched to Palo Verde on June 15, 2004, in response to the event documented in Preliminary Notification PNO-IV-04-012 for June 14, 2004, regarding loss of offsite power and the tripping of all three units of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

There was no impact to public health and safety associated with this event. However, the NRC evaluated the event using the guidance of Management Directive 8.3, "NRC Incident Investigation Program." Based on our evaluation of this significant operational event involving multiple failures of systems used to mitigate an actual event, and our preliminary risk assessment, it was decided that an Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) is the appropriate response.

The AIT arrived on site today, and will conduct an entrance meeting with the licensee. The documentation of the inspection will be issued within 30 days of the completion of inspection activities.

The state of Arizona has been informed. Region IV informed the offices of EDO, NRR, and PA.

The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 11:00 a.m. MST on June 15, 2004.

This preliminary notification is for information only.

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