

June 18, 2004

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

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) TO FINISH AT PALO VERDE

DESCRIPTION:

The AIT dispatched to Palo Verde on June 15, 2004, is completing their review today and communicating issues with the licensee, Region IV, and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). The dispatching of the AIT was addressed in Preliminary Notification PNO-IV-04-012A.

After a thorough review of the event and the licensee's assessments, and following discussion of issues with Region IV and NRR, the team will finish their inspection on June 19, 2004. The team turned over several operational and maintenance issues to the resident inspector staff for consideration of potential unit restart items, and for follow up inspection activities.

The AIT will reconvene in Region IV next week to conduct further document reviews, and to commence report documentation. The documentation of the inspection should be issued within 30 days.

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 11:30 a.m. MST on June 18, 2004.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

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