

June 24, 2004

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE - PNO-IV-04-013

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 staff on this date.

Facility

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
Diablo Canyon Power Plant Units 1 and 2
Dockets: 50-275; 50-323
Licenses: DPR-80; DPR-82

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: FIRE IN PROTECTED AREA GENERATED MEDIA INTEREST

DESCRIPTION:

On June 23, 2004, at approximately 2:20 p.m. (PDT), a grease fire ignited in the cafeteria of the site administrative building within the protected area, but outside the plant power block. The site fire brigade responded to the event and extinguished the fire by 2:30 p.m. There was a reflash of the fire which was extinguished by the site fire brigade. As a precautionary measure, PG&E requested the assistance of the California Department of Forestry, who responded to the site at 2:45 p.m., and provided assistance. The site administrative building was evacuated and affected personnel exited the protected area. No injuries to plant employees nor fire fighting personnel occurred. Following ventilation of the smoke and establishment of a reflash watch, PG&E restored restricted access to the administrative building at 3:50 p.m. Normal access to the administrative building was restored at 6 a.m. on June 24, 2004.

The fire did not affect any plant safety equipment and did not adversely affect plant operations. Both units continued to operate at 100 percent power.

The Senior Resident Inspector was on site during the event and responded to the control room to monitor licensee actions.

The state of California has been informed.

The licensee did not issue a press release; however, there has been significant media interest in this event. Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the NRC Senior Resident Inspector. Region IV has informed the EDO, NRR, and PA.

This information has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 9 a.m. (CDT) on June 24, 2004.

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