

March 12, 2009

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-09-003

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

Southern California Edison Company
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
P.O. Box 128
San Clemente, CA 92674-0128
Docket Nos. 05000361, 05000362
License Nos. NPF-10, NPF-15

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: CONTRACT FIRE WATCH EMPLOYEE TERMINATED FOR USE OF A PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE IN THE SITE PROTECTED AREA

DESCRIPTION:

On March 11, 2009, the licensee notified the NRC that a non-supervisory, fire watch, contract employee tested positive for an illicit drug. This individual was tested 'for cause' when he was observed smoking what appeared to be marijuana within the licensee's protected area. Upon discovery, the individual's access to the plant was suspended.

The licensee contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigations because the event occurred on federal property and the licensee initiated an investigation into this matter. They are also reviewing past work activities of the individual. The NRC resident inspectors are monitoring licensee actions associated with this event and the regional office is planning an on-site inspection.

The State of California has been notified of this event.

The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of Thursday, March 12, 1600 hours Central Daylight Time.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

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