

March 14, 2011

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-11-001a

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	Licensee Emergency Classification
Pacific Gas and Electric Company	<u>XX</u> Notification of Unusual Event
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2	<u> </u> Alert
Avila Beach, CA	<u> </u> Site Area Emergency
Docket: 50-275, 50-323	<u> </u> General Emergency
License: DPR-80, DPR-82	<u> </u> Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UPDATE - DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT NOTIFICATION OF UNUSUAL EVENT

DESCRIPTION:

This preliminary notification updates information provided in PNO-IV-11-001, which was issued on March 11, 2011. Diablo Canyon Power Plant declared a Notification of Unusual Event at 4:23 a.m. EST on March 11, 2011, based on receipt of a tsunami warning from West California Emergency Management Agency resulting from the earthquake in Japan. There was no impact on plant operations and both units continued to operate at full power throughout the event. Maximum wave surge estimated at the site was approximately 3 feet. The tsunami warning was lifted at 6:12 p.m. EST on March 11, 2011, and the licensee subsequently terminated the Unusual Event declaration at 6:28 p.m. EST. The NRC resident inspectors responded to the site to monitor plant conditions and licensee actions for the duration of the event.

NRC Region IV has been in contact with licensee and governmental officials within the areas affected and there have been no reported impacts from the tsunami on nuclear materials licensees and other NRC licensed facilities on the west coast.

The NRC entered the Monitoring Mode at 9:46 a.m. EST on March 11, 2011 in response to the tsunami warning at Diablo Canyon. The NRC is coordinating its actions with other Federal agencies as part of the U.S. government response to the events in Japan.

The state of California has been informed. This information has been discussed with licensee management and is current as of 10:55 a.m. EST.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

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