

- May 16, 2000

**PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE** PNO-IV-00-011A

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 Region IV staff in Arlington, Texas on this date.

**Facility**

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.  
Diablo Canyon 1  
Avila Beach, California  
Dockets: 50-275

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

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

Subject: UPDATE -- UNUSUAL EVENT BECAUSE OF A FIRE LASTING GREATER THAN 15 MINUTES

The licensee halted the primary system cool down at 1:35 pm (PDT) on May 15, 2000, to maintain stable plant conditions (approximately 380 degrees F and 900 psig) and control primary system chemistry while concurrently attempting to restore offsite power to safety-related loads. By 4:00 a.m. (PDT) on May 16, the licensee had completed the isolation of the failed electrical bus. Electrical power to the previously deenergized Unit 1 nonsafety-related loads was restored at approximately 8:15 a.m. (PDT). Offsite power was restored to the safety-related buses and the emergency diesel generators were secured at 9:59 a.m. (PDT).

The licensee exited the Notification of Unusual Event at 9:59 a.m. (PDT) and plant conditions remained stable. The NRC terminated its oversight under the Monitoring Phase of the Normal Mode of Operations at 11:11 a.m. (PDT).

The NRC has initiated a special inspection to review the circumstances surrounding this event.

The state of California has been informed of the termination of the unusual event.

This information has been verified with the licensee as of 11:00 a.m. (PDT) on May 16, 2000.

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