

May 26, 2000

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

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 (Arlington, Texas) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	Notification of Unusual Event
Diablo Canyon 1	Alert
Avila Beach, California	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-275	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

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

The onsite portion of the special inspection that was performed to review the circumstances surrounding the recent fire at Diablo Canyon is complete. The fire occurred because of an electrical fault in a 12.4 kV bus. The inspection team reviewed the extent of the damage and the licensee's repair plans and did not identify any outstanding safety issues that affect the restart of the unit. The inspection team will continue to review the event from the regional office. They will be assessing the root cause of the failure and the overall risk of the event. The team's conclusions will be reported in NRC Inspection Report 50-275/00-009; 50-323/00-009 following the completion of the inspection.

The state of California will be informed of this update.

This information has been verified with the licensee as of 9:40 a.m. (PDT) on May 26, 2000.

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