June 23, 2010

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-10-002

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

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Diablo Canyon Power Plant
P.O. Box 3
Avila Beach, CA 93424

Docket: 50-275
License No.: DPR-80

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: ALERT AT DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT UNIT 1

DESCRIPTION: On June 23, 2010, at 10:56 a.m. PDT, Pacific Gas and Electric declared an Alert at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant following the inadvertent discharge of carbon dioxide in a room in the Unit 1 turbine building. The carbon dioxide was part of a fire suppression system that was being tested following valve maintenance. No personnel were in the room at the time, and the room was immediately sealed off following the discharge. No injuries were reported.

There was no affect on safety equipment at the site, and both units continue to operate at full power. The NRC resident inspector was on site at the time of the event and continues to monitor licensee recovery actions. The NRC will conduct inspections to evaluate this event and licensee corrective actions.

The state of California has been notified. The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 4:25 p.m. CDT on June 23, 2010.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and no further action by the staff is anticipated.

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