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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V: 80-70

Date: September 17, 1980

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Southern California Edison Company
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit Nos. 2 & 3
San Clemente, California
Docket Nos. 50-361 & 50-362

Subject: FATALITY AT SAN ONOFRE UNITS 2 AND 3

The Resident Inspector was informed by the licensee at approximately 3:00 PM on September 17, 1980, that a marine diver had died while working near or around the outfall structure for San Onofre Units 2 and 3. The diver was employed by the Marine Ecological Consultants Company under contract to the Southern California Edison Company. At this time, the cause of death is unknown; however, it is not believed to be associated with the operation of San Onofre Units 2 and 3 equipment.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only and no further action by IE is anticipated.

Media interest is not expected. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a news release.

Region V (San Francisco) received notification of this occurrence from the Resident Inspector at 3:05 PM on September 17, 1980. This information is current as of 3:15 PM on September 17, 1980.

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