

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-90-04 Date: 1/17/90

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FACILITY: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station  
Irvine Operations Center  
23 Parker  
Irvine, CA. 92718

Licensee Emergency Classification  
 Notification of Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 Not Applicable

DOCKET NOS. 50-206, 361 and 362

SUBJECT: SPURIOUS EMERGENCY SIREN ACTIVATION

A spurious emergency siren activation occurred at approximately 11:39 P.M. (PST) on January 16, 1990, near the San Clemente Fire Station. The siren involved was an older fire siren that has been integrated into the SONGS Alert Notification System, and is maintained by the City of San Clemente. The siren was deactivated within approximately 20 minutes. The cause of the malfunction was determined to be a wet cable and corrective action is ongoing.

The Headquarters Operation Center reported the spurious activation to Region V after receiving inquiries from concerned citizens. One citizen was very concerned over an alleged inability to obtain information from local authorities, and the absence of any information on the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS). The San Clemente Fire Department responded to local inquiries; however, it appears the local EBS radio station did not make any statement for about one hour.

Region V received initial notification of this occurrence from Headquarters Operation Center at 11:50 P.M. (PST) January 16, 1990. Region V has discussed this information with the licensee and with FEMA Region IX.

This information is current as of 9:45 A.M.(PST) January 17, 1990.

CONTACT: G. Yuhas, RV (FTS 463-3748) or K. Prendergast, RV (FTS 463-3851).

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Date 1-17-90	Time 10:15 A.M. PST
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