

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-V:79-9

November 7, 1979

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 No. 1  
San Clemente, California  
Docket No. 50-206

Subject: Manual Shutdown of San Onofre Unit 1

San Onofre Unit 1 was manually shut down at 12:40 PM (PST), November 7, 1979, as a result of an electrical fault on the No. 1 480 VAC Bus. The reactor was scrammed by the plant control room operators when they heard a loud noise from the area of the 4160 VAC switch gear room (underneath the Control Room) and received numerous control room alarms. Shortly thereafter, plant personnel detected smoke in the control room along with a strong odor of burning insulation. The source of the smoke was discovered to have been the 4160 volt switchgear room; however, no fire was associated with the incident.

Preliminary investigation by the licensee indicates that the incident resulted from a fault on the No. 1 480 VAC Bus in the vicinity of the 'A' Safety Injection Pump Breaker Cubicle. The affected switchgear is being inspected by the licensee to determine the exact extent and cause of the damage.

The plant is being taken to the cold shutdown condition and all plant parameters appear to be normal. The licensee anticipates that several days will be required to complete the repairs.

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Media interest is anticipated. A press release is not planned by the NRC. It is not known at this time if the licensee intends to issue a press release.