



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION V

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May 15, 1991

Docket Nos. 50-275/323

Pacific Gas & Electric Company
77 Beale Street, Room 1451
San Francisco, CA 94106

Dear Mr. Shiffer:

SUBJECT: "Square -D" Circuit Breakers

REFERENCE: (1) PG&E letter, DCL-88-084, dated April 14, 1988
(2) PG&E letter, R. Locke to M. Blume, dated May 17, 1988

Enclosed is a copy of the synopsis of the NRC investigation activities related to the subject circuit breakers.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 (a), a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions or desire to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

R. P. Zimmerman, Director
Division of Reactor Safety and Projects

Enclosure:
As stated

cc w/enclosure:
J. Martin, RV
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on April 13, 1988, based on information received from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company that counterfeit circuit breakers (CBs) had been furnished to Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

The Office of Investigations (OI) investigation detailed the activities of several Los Angeles area based companies who refurbished used CBs and applied counterfeit manufacturer's labels to the CBs and represented them for sale as new.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles has been actively involved in investigating and prosecuting three of these companies.

On March 12, 1991, the assigned Assistant United States Attorney advised OI, Region V, that no additional cases would be accepted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles for prosecution.

Since no evidence was developed indicating that any of the remaining companies sold CBs to the nuclear industry other than commercial grade, no apparent violations of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission rules or regulations occurred.

In view of the U.S. Attorney's Office declination of additional criminal prosecutions, no further investigative efforts will be expended.

ENCLOSURE

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