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Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323

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

Attention: G. M. Rueger,
Senior Vice President and General Manager
Nuclear Power Generation Business Unit

Dear Mr. Rueger,

NRC Inspection Report No. 50-275/91-03 documented a discovery by your staff of a pipe support stud that was glued in place inside of Unit 1's containment. The NRC Office of Investigations has completed an investigation into this matter, and an enclosure to this letter provides the synopsis of that investigation.

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

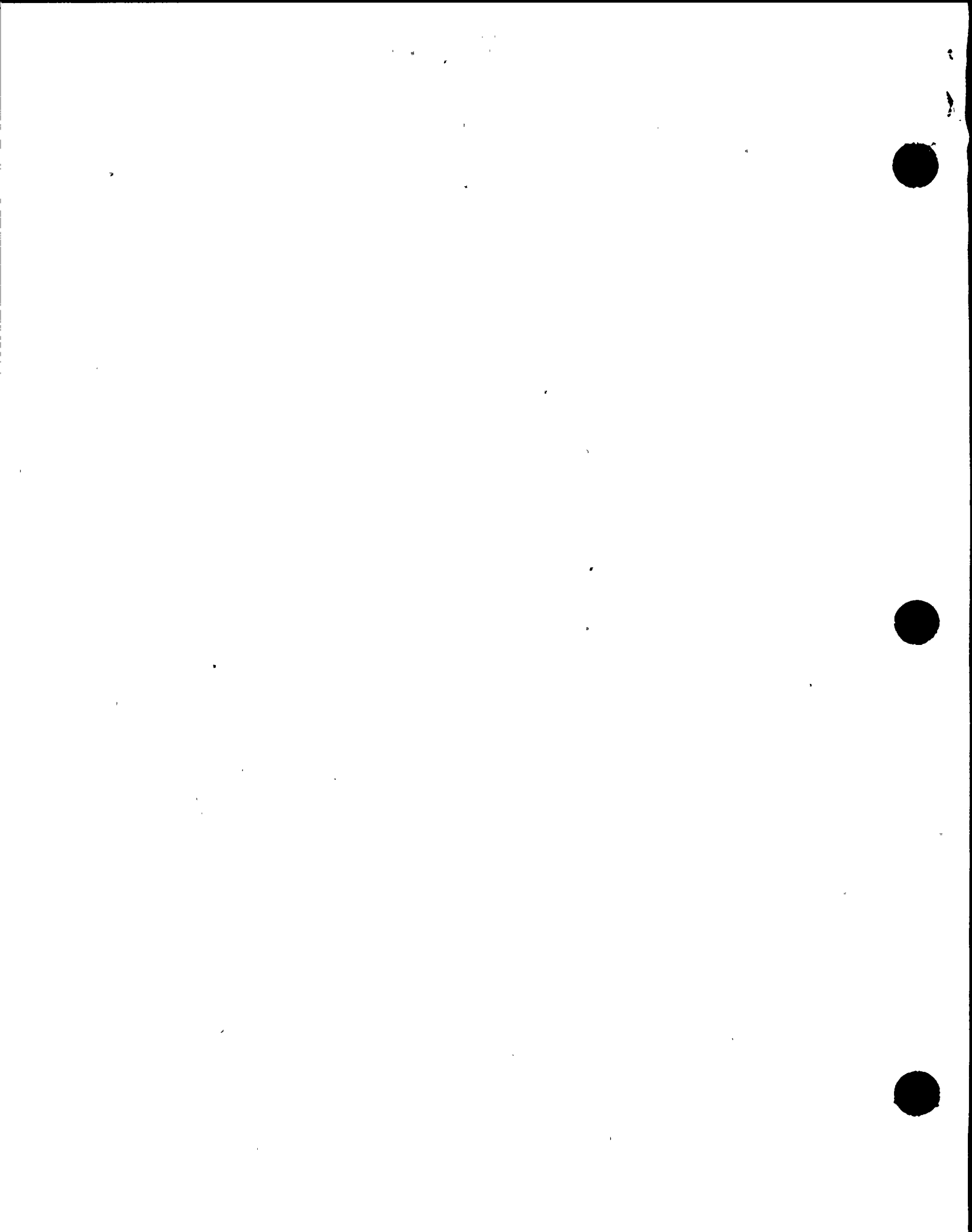
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SYNOPSIS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region V, Regional Administrator requested the Office of Investigations (OI), initiate an investigation concerning Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) reported 1991 discovery that a Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP), Unit 1 pipe support stud was broken and illicitly replaced by gluing another stud in its place. PG&E advised the NRC that the pipe support was not inoperable as the support, with the remaining three studs, meets the support design load requirements.

OI investigation disclosed DCNPP management's investigation of this matter determined the stud was installed in 1975, received final inspection in 1978, and had apparently not received maintenance or been removed since that time. The actuator it supported had undergone maintenance on several occasions since 1978. DCNPP records reflect the maintenance performed was minor and should not have required removal of the pipe support from the liner plate.

OI interviews of available personnel involved in the 1989 maintenance on the actuator disclosed the work did not require removal of the pipe support or contact with the support studs.

It is concluded that the illicit manner in which the broken stud was disguised was a willful act, however, the culpable party was not identified.



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