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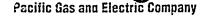
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September 21, 1993

PG&E Letter No. DCL-93-228



William R. Leonard, Executive Officer California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region 81 Higuera, Suite 200 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5414

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Notification of Hydraulic Fluid Spill at the Intake Cove Diablo Canyon Power Plant -- NPDES No. CA0003751

On September 16, 1993, at about 10:30 a.m., PG&E notified Sorrel Marks of your staff that a hydraulic hose had ruptured on a kelp harvesting vessel, releasing approximately 2 quarts of hydraulic fluid into the Intake Cove at Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The following written summary of the event is provided as required by Standard Provision and Reporting Requirement C.4. of NPDES Permit WDR 90-09.

At approximately 8:15 a.m., on September 16, 1993, an operator of a 22-foot kelp harvesting vessel noticed that a 1/2-inch hydraulic hose had ruptured. The operator immediately shut down the vessel to suppress the flow of hydraulic fluid. The operator then secured cotton rags around the ruptured hose to prevent further leakage. The operator estimates that two quarts of hydraulic fluid were released into the cove near the end of the east breakwater. A sheen on the water surface was evident from the release; however, its dissipation precluded effective containment. To prevent any potential further spread, a boom was placed around the vessel at the dock and absorbent pads were used to remove residual sheen. The absorbent pads and booms used during cleanup have been removed and will be disposed of in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

There were no adverse impacts to human health or the environment due to the small amount of hydraulic fluid released. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident. PG&E biologists assessed the environmental impact and observed no adverse effects to marine invertebrates or algae in the vicinity of the spill. Approximately one half of a 55-gallon drum of harvested kelp affected by hydraulic fluid was removed for disposal in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Wilson of my staff at (805) 545-4439.

Sincerely,

John D. Townsend

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