

June 25, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-96-036

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by Region IV staff in Arlington, Texas on this date.

Facility

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
Diablo Canyon 1 2
Avila Beach, California
Dockets: 50-275.50-323

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: VANDALISM INSIDE DIABLO CANYON PROTECTED AREA

On Saturday, June 22, 1996, at approximately 4:40 p.m., a PG&E contract employee was discovered in the act of vandalizing one office, three work cubicles, and a kitchen area in the Diablo Canyon administration building located inside the protected area.

The vandalism took place on the 6th floor and was first noted by an individual who heard the sound of breaking dishes and notified plant security personnel. Security officers responded and found a contract employee who admitted to vandalizing the area. The individual was taken into custody by the officers. Security personnel performed a walkdown of the 6th floor, noting two broken windows in a visiting manager's office, broken dishes, several office areas where the individual had thrown the material from the top of desks onto the floor, and derogatory remarks written on marker boards.

The licensee notified the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's department and a deputy responded to the site and placed the individual in protective custody. The individual was later transported to the County Mental Health Facility and placed in protective custody for observation. The licensee has revoked the individual's access to the site. Review of security access records indicated that the individual had not entered a vital area on June 22 and had been inside the protected area for less than 1 hour when apprehended by the officers. Further review indicated that, although the involved individual had vital area access authorization, the individual had not been inside either protected or vital areas since June 17, 1996.

The involved individual had submitted a resignation to PG&E the previous week with the last scheduled workday being June 25, 1996. During the week of June 17, PG&E became aware of a medical condition which may have contributed to this event.

The involved individual worked in the Computer Services group and routinely performed computer troubleshooting. The licensee is reviewing the assigned work activities and the controlled areas where the individual had worked. At present there is no indication that vandalism of any plant equipment occurred.

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After the event occurred, the licensee notified the Senior Resident Inspector. The licensee logged this event in their safeguards event log and is continuing with the investigation of the event. The NRC resident inspectors and a safeguards inspector have discussed the event with licensee security personnel and continue to monitor the licensee's evaluation of the event.

The state of California has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone call from the licensee on June 22, 1996. Region IV has informed the EDO, NRR, and PA. The information has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of June 25, 1996, at 10 a.m. (PDT).

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