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SUBJECT: PNO-IV-96-031:on 960602,contract HP technician suffered heart attack during refueling outage w/plant in Mode 4.Site personnel immediately began CPR.Individual did not respond. Technician pronounced dead at hosp.Press release issued.

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June 3, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-96-031

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.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Washington Public Power Supply System	Notification of Unusual Event
Washington Nuclear 2	Alert
Richland, Washington	Site Area Emergency
Dockets: 50-397	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: FATALITY OF CONTRACT HEALTH PHYSICS TECHNICIAN AT WNP-2 SITE

On June 2, 1996, at 1:27 p.m. (PDT), during a refueling outage with the plant in Mode 4, Cold Shutdown, a contract Health Physics Technician (Bartlett) apparently suffered a heart attack. Site personnel immediately began CPR; however, the individual did not respond. The technician, working in the reactor cavity removing strippable paint, was transported to the local hospital emergency decontamination facility with small amounts of facial and hair contamination (areas of 200 to 3000 counts per minute). The licensee's health physics personnel accompanied the technician to the hospital. The technician was pronounced dead at the hospital.

The licensee convened an Incident Review Board to investigate the event. At this time, the licensee has not identified any unusual conditions which contributed to the fatality.

The licensee has issued a press release. There has been some media interest in the event.

The unit is currently in Mode 4.

Region IV received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone call from the licensee at approximately 2:25 p.m. on June 2, 1996.

The state of Washington will be informed. Region IV has informed EDO, NRR, and PA.

The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 9 a.m. (PDT), June 3, 1996.

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