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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

October 3, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-V-79-2

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

Facility: University of California at Los Angeles  
UCLA Training Reactor  
Docket No. 50-142  
Los Angeles, California

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Subject: GROUP ADVOCATES UCLA REACTOR SHUTDOWN

The licensee informed Region V by telephone on October 3, 1979, that a UCLA based group, the Committee to Bridge the Gap, is holding a press conference at 11:00 a.m. this morning to demand shutdown of the 100 kilowatt UCLA Argonant training reactor. The central issue is that the Committee believes that excessive radiation exposures are being received by persons in the area surrounding the facility when Argon-41 is released from the stack during reactor operation.

A special inspection conducted by a Region V inspector on September 27-28, 1979, in response to a September 10, 1979 letter from the Committee requesting an inspection, did not disclose any noncompliance with NRC regulatory requirements in regard to the Argon-41 effluent.

News media interest has been substantial in the Los Angeles area. The licensee plans to release a statement at the press conference. A news release by the NRC is not planned.

This PNO is issued for information only because of high news media interest, and no further action is anticipated.

Region V (San Francisco) received notification of this matter by telephone from the licensee at 10:00 a.m. on October 3, 1979.

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