

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 6, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-79-13

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events 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: Houston Lighting and Power Company (HL&P)
South Texas Project, Units 1 & 2
DN 50-498; 50-499

SUBJECT: ALLEGED INTIMIDATION OF CIVIL QC INSPECTORS AT THE
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 & 2

On November 2, 1979, two Brown & Root (B&R) QC inspectors contacted the NRC Resident Reactor Inspector (RRI) to report alleged threats and intimidation directed at five B&R Civil QC inspectors by B&R construction personnel. One QC inspector, acting as the spokesman, stated that most of the alleged threats were made during the course of concrete placement activities including meetings, preplacement and placement inspections. The spokesman identified four QC inspectors in addition to himself, who are willing to provide statements to the NRC regarding the threats and intimidation. The QC inspector who accompanied the spokesman declined to reveal his identity. The spokesman named two construction personnel involved in the alleged intimidation.

The Region IV office plans to conduct an investigation of the allegations.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 1979.

No press release is planned by Region IV.

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