

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 28, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-376

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: Baltimore Gas and Electric Company
Calvert Cliffs, Unit 1
Lusby, Maryland
(Docket No. 50-317)

Subject: MISALIGNMENT OF ECCS VALVES

At 6:00 a.m. on August 28, 1979 during the performance of a surveillance test, two valves in one of the two Safety Injection Trains were discovered to be mispositioned. Investigation by the licensee determined that the valves were positioned on August 27, 1979 to conduct a logic surveillance test on the emergency core cooling system. Upon completion of the emergency core cooling logic test, an operator inadvertently closed the refueling water storage tank suction valve instead of the adjacent sump header valve.

The error was discovered two shifts later at 6:00 a.m. on August 28, 1979 during the performance of a monthly valve operability test. The valve error was immediately corrected. The redundant containment spray and emergency core coolant systems were operable during this event.

Media interest is possible due to the public's sensitivity to nuclear power plant problems. The State of Maryland has been informed. A press release is not planned by the licensee or NRC.

NRC, Region I, (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from a Regional Inspector at 3:00 p.m., August 28, 1979.

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