

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

September 19, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-397B

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: Comanche Peak, Unit 2
Texas Utilities Generating Company
Glen Rose, Texas
DN 50-446

SUBJECT: INADVERTENT OMISSION OF REINFORCING STEEL IN REACTOR CONTAINMENT WALL

The licensee (PNO-79-397) previously reported an inadvertent omission of reinforcing steel shear ties in the Unit No. 2 Reactor Containment Building (RCB) exterior wall on September 4, 1979.

On September 7, 1979, the licensee imposed a stop-work order (PNO-79-397A) pending further review of the A/E's evaluation and analysis of the QA/QC program breakdown. An Immediate Action Letter (IAL) confirming the licensee commitments for corrective action was issued by RIV (Dallas) on September 7, 1979.

On September 14, 1979, representatives of the licensee, the A/E and the NRC met in Bethesda to review the technical evaluation of the omitted reinforcing steel and the analysis of the QA/QC program breakdown. As a result of that meeting the licensee was requested to clarify and add to the technical evaluation and to expand the scope of commitments in the QA/QC program and submit this information in writing.

Based on the written submittal by the licensee on September 17, 1979 which responded to the NRC requests made in the meeting on September 14, 1979, the response to commitments in the IAL of September 7, 1979, and the observations of the NRC resident inspector, the licensee was advised on September 18, 1979 that the NRC had no objection to the licensee's plan to resume placement of concrete in the exterior wall and dome of the reactor containment building.

RIV inspectors and the resident inspector will give particular attention to site QC activities during the next several weeks in all areas in addition to the civil-structural area. Specific site attention was already given to the implementation of the licensee's augmented QC program associated with the next containment concrete placement.

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. on September 19, 1979.

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