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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-327

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: South Texas Project Unit 1 DN 50-498 Houston Lighting and Power Company

Subject: LIGHTNING STRIKE

The on-site RIV inspector reported that at approximately 1:00 p.m. on August 9, 1979, lightning struck a construction electrical panel in the area of the Unit No. 1 Containment Building There was no damage to other equipment or structures.

Approximately forty people reported receiving some shock. Two people were sent to the local hospital for observation but their condition was observed not to be serious. One complained of muscular pains.

The on-site IE inspector reported this matter by telephone to Region IV at approximately 3:00 p.m. on August 9, 1979.

Neither Region IV nor the licensee plan to make a news release.

This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. on August 10, 1979.

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