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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

June 29, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-204

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Facility: Washington Public Power Supply System
Washington Nuclear Project No. 2
Docket No. 50-397
Benton County, Washington

Subject: IMPROPER INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE ANCHOR BOLTS

During a reinspection of installed concrete anchors on 6/27/79, the licensee discovered that six anchor bolts had been cut short and tack welded to the support plates, giving the appearance of proper installation (i.e., that the remainder of the bolt was imbedded in the concrete behind the plate). The bolts provide anchorage for safety-related control room ventilation ducting.

The licensee has issued a stop-work order to the contractor involved, secured all related records, and initiated a full investigation. NRC RV inspectors, who are onsite investigating another matter, will audit and evaluate the adequacy of the action being taken by the licensee in response to the problem.

The licensee intends to issue a press release on the subject today.

Region V (San Francisco) received notification of this occurrence from the licensee at 8:30 a.m. on 6/28/79.

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