PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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July 10, 1980

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: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station

Docket No. 50-312

SUBJECT:

TWO PERIMETER FENCE DIRECT RADIATION ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORS ABOVE

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REPORTING VALUES

The licensee reported to the Region V office on July 9, 1980 that two direct radiation environmental monitors on the fence at the perimeter of the restricted area showed second quarter 1980 results above the reporting level requirement in Technical Specification 4.10, Appendix B (10 mr above background). The monitors at the north and west locations showed 54 and 52 mrem respectively. The licensee uses 17 mrem as the background value. The licensee believes the high values are the result of waste storage related to the recent outage. The Plant Review Committee will discuss this item during a July 10 meeting.

This PN is for information only and is considered closed for daily reporting.

The licensee has issued a news release on this item and there has been media interest.

The above information was obtained from a telephone contact with the licensee's Technical Assistant at 3:30 P.M. on July 9, 1980.

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