

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 18, 1977

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-77-203

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event 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: Portland General Electric Company
Trojan Nuclear Power Plant, Rainier, Oregon
Docket No. 50-344

Subject: DISABLEMENT OF ALL WIDE RANGE CONTAINMENT PRESSURE SENSORS

The licensee reported by telephone the discovery on November 17, 1977, of pipe caps on the sensing lines for all four wide range containment pressure sensors. The discovery was made during an entry into the containment building.

The caps would have prevented high containment building pressure accumulation of safety injection and containment spray under accident conditions.

The licensee has determined that this condition has existed at least since May 1977, at which time local leakage testing was conducted on the sensing line penetrations.

Plant operators removed the caps from the sensing lines immediately following their discovery.

The licensee is considering the issuance of a press release.

NRC Region V (San Francisco) received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Plant Superintendent at approximately 3:15 p.m. on November 17, 1977.

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