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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

April 22, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAPEGUARDS EVENT - PNS-IV-80-08

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security 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 as of this date.

FACILITY: Kansas Gas & Electric Company  
Wolf Creek, Unit No. 1 (SNIPPS)  
DN STN 50-482

SUBJECT: SUSPECTED SABOTAGE OF ELECTRICAL CABLES

On April 21, 1980, the Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KG&E) site QA Engineer notified the Region IV Project Inspector of suspected sabotage of electrical cables. The Constructor, Daniel International, identified twenty-four electrical cables in a run of forty cables (tray 5U5L90) that had been cut at the penetration to the Radwaste Building and pushed back into the penetration opening. The cable run was from the Radwaste Tunnel into the Radwaste Building. All cables were cut through the external jacket to the conductor insulation and some were cut through the individual conductor insulation to the wire. All cables are black (nonsafety-related). The licensee is investigating to determine if other cables have been cut.

The Kansas City office of the FBI was notified. The IAT was notified by telephone on April 21, 1980.

No press release was made or planned by the licensee or NRC.

The site construction progress is approximately 40%. There is no SNM on site.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only. Region IV, Arlington, Texas, received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the KG&E site QA Engineer at approximately 3:40 p.m. on April 21, 1980.

RIV inspectors will review the licensee's investigation.

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