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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-V:80-32

April 25, 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: Portland General Electric Company
Trojan Nuclear Plant
Rainier, Oregon
Docket No. 50-344

Subject: FAILED FUEL ROD

The licensee commenced core disassembly and inspection on April 24, 1980. First to be inspected were twelve peripheral fuel assemblies in positions adjacent to the core baffle which can be subjected to jet impingement from bypass flow through the baffle. Of these twelve fuel assemblies, inspection has shown one to have a failed fuel rod.

The failed fuel rod is in assembly D-38, which was located in core position M-4. The fuel rod is broken and separated between the first and second grid assemblies (from bottom). A longitudinal crack extending 40-60% of the fuel rod's length was also observed. It is possible that some fuel pellets may have been displaced from the fuel rod. Recent coolant activity levels have indicated the level of fuel defects to be low.

Media interest is not expected. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a news release.

Region V (San Francisco) received notification of this occurrence from the Senior Resident Inspector at 8:00 AM on 4/25/80. This information is current as of 7:30 AM on 4/25/80.

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