

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: October 31, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80- 159

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Facility: Boston Edison Company
Pilgrim 1 (DN 50-293)
Plymouth, Massachusetts

Subject: TARGET ROCK RELIEF VALVE OPENED DURING POWER OPERATION

On October 31, 1980 at 11:50 a.m., a Target Rock Relief Valve opened during full power operation and failed to reseat. A manual scram was initiated and the reactor is being cooled down via the main condenser. The valve was reclosed at 340 psi and the reactor is stable. No ECCS systems were initiated during this event.

Media interest is expected due to sensitivity to nuclear power issues at this site. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been notified. The licensee has decided not to issue a press release. No NRC press release is planned at this time. Resident Inspector onsite following the event.

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