

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

March 31, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-80-34E

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: Houston Lighting and Power Company (HL&P)
South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2
DN 50-498; 50-499

SUBJECT: UPDATED - EXPANSION OF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED ASME WELDING

By letter dated March 26, 1981, Houston Lighting and Power Company (HL&P) has requested an expansion of the previously authorized ASME safety-related welding. The request for expansion of the ASME welding and related activities is to be specifically in accordance with a 12 Week Work Plan covering nine new areas and will include both stainless and carbon steel.

Based on Region IV inspector evaluation of the present ASME welding activities, the expansion of the ASME welding as defined in the 12 Week Work Plan (Attachment 1 to HL&P letter, dated March 26, 1981) is being allowed, as requested by HL&P.

A press release was made on March 31, 1981, by HL&P.

Site construction progress is currently reported as 56% for Unit 1 and 20% for Unit 2.

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