April 22, 1981

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

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 & Power Company

South Texas Project, Units 1 & 2

Docket Nos. 50-498; 50-499

SUBJECT: UPDATE - RESUMPTION OF CURRENTLY HALTED CONSTRUCTION AT THE SOUTH

TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 1 & 2

By letter dated April 12, 1981, Houston Lighting and Power Company (HL&P) has requested expansion of limited placement of complex concrete. The request is specific to performing 14 complex concrete placements delineated in an attachment to the letter.

Based on the review of completed corrective action by Region IV inspectors in accordance with response to the Show Cause Order, the limited resumption of safety-related complex concrete placements is being allowed, as requested by HL&P, except for three No. 1 Reactor Containment Building dome placements. Placements CS1-R1, R2 and R3 will not be allowed until RIV evaluates the licensee's program for verifying the location of tendon sheathing within the specified radial tolerance in these placements.

No press release was made by NRC or the licensee.

Site construction progress is currently reported as 60% for Unit 1, and 23% for Unit 2.

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