

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-90-05 Date: 1/18/90

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FACILITY: Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit 3
Eureka, California

Licensee Emergency Classification
☐ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

DOCKET NO. 50-133

SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE 41 MILES NORTHEAST OF FACILITY

At 3:45 A.M. (PST) on January 18, 1990, an earthquake of 5.1 magnitude occurred approximately 41 miles northeast of the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit 3, at Eureka, California. The facility has been shutdown since July 1976 and the reactor vessel is defueled. The facility is currently in SAFESTOR conditions with all fuel stored in the Spent Fuel Pool. The earthquake was felt by the licensee, but was not detected on their seismic recorder. The licensee conducted an inspection of the facility; no damage was identified.

The earthquake's epicenter was reported as latitude 41.20 North degrees and longitude 123.7 West degrees.

Region V received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the HQ Operations Officer at 7:40 A.M. (PST) January 18, 1990. The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee, and is current as of 7:45 A.M. (PST) January 18, 1990.

CONTACT: G. Yuhas, RV (FTS 463-3748) or C. Hooker, RV (FTS 463-3784).

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