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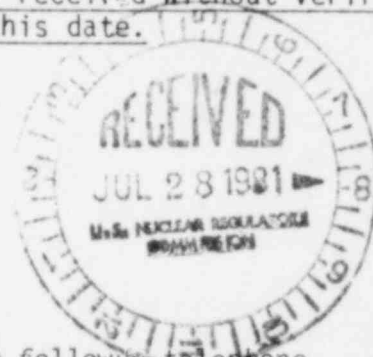
PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V: 81-43

Date: July 24, 1981

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: Washington Public Power Supply System
 Washington Nuclear Power Project No. 3
 Elma, Washington
 Docket No. 50-508

SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT VOIDS IN CONCRETE PLACEMENT AT WNP-3



As a result of a recent inspection on July 13-17, 1981, and from followup telephone conversations with the licensee, on July 23 and 24, 1981, the Region V office has become aware of a significant voiding and honeycomb problem in a Seismic Class 1 auxiliary building shear wall at the the WNP-3 site.

The shear wall placement is approximately 40 feet long by 12 feet high by 4 feet thick. It forms one wall of the main steam tunnel and is designed to absorb main steam line pipe whip loadings.

Initial removal of unsound concrete, after removal of the concrete forms, indicates about 30% voids in the 117 cubic yard placement.

On July 24, 1981, the licensee committed to provide Region V with a preliminary report on this problem by July 27, 1981, with a followup final report at some later date.

Region V inspectors will be on site starting July 27, 1981, to continue investigation of this problem.

The licensee has not issued a news release. The NRC does not plan to issue a news release. Significant media interest is not anticipated.

Region V (San Francisco) received final notification of this occurrence from the licensee on July 24, 1981. This information is current as of 2:30 p.m. on July 24, 1981.

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