

November 5, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-81-26A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information 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 (HL&P)
South Texas Project, Units 1 & 2
DN 50-498; 50-499

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

SUBJECT: REALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CERTAIN FUNCTIONS AT THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT

Houston Lighting and Power Company (HL&P) informed RIV on September 24, 1981, of a decision to reallocate responsibilities for certain functions for the completion of the South Texas Project (STP).

The planned reallocation contemplated that Bechtel would assume responsibility for engineering, design and construction management services. Brown & Root was asked by HL&P to continue to perform the construction work. HL&P notified Region IV, November 5, 1981, that Brown & Root and HL&P could not reach agreement on the basis for Brown & Root's remaining as constructor. As a result, HL&P is considering several options regarding a new construction contractor.

HL&P said that the details of the transition will be worked out over the next several weeks.

A press release was made on November 5, 1981, by HL&P. Region IV does not plan to issue a press release.

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

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