

May 15, 1990

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-90-21

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 the Region IV staff on this date.

FACILITY: Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station	Licensee Emergency Classification:
Louisiana Power & Light Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Docket: 50-382	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

SUBJECT: LICENSED OPERATOR TESTED POSITIVE FOR MARIJUANA

At about 9 a.m. on May 14, 1990, a member of the licensee staff reported to the NRC that a licensed individual had tested positive for a controlled substance during a random drug screening test. The test was confirmed positive by an independent laboratory. As a consequence, the individual was denied access to the site, suspended from his duties, and referred to a drug users rehabilitation program for further evaluation.

The licensee stated that they did not intend to issue a media release on this issue, but that they were reviewing past work performed by the operator in question.

Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a press release.

The state of Louisiana has been informed.

Region IV has informed EDO and NRR.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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