

March 2, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-005A

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

Houston Lighting & Power Co.  
South Texas 1  
Wadsworth, Texas  
Dockets: 50-498

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event  
Alert  
Site Area Emergency  
General Emergency  
X Not Applicable

Subject: UPDATE OF REACTOR TRIP

Following the manual trip on February 28, 1994, chemistry samples indicated the presence of a small primary to secondary leak in Steam Generator C. Subsequent samples quantified the leak at approximately 160 gallons per day. At approximately 9 a.m. on March 2, 1994, the licensee plans to commence a cooldown to Mode 5 for steam generator inspections and repair of the leak.

The licensee expects repairs to take approximately 2 weeks. The NRC staff has suspended its 24-hour inspection coverage until the unit is ready for restart.

The licensee issued a press release on March 1, 1994.

This information has been verified with the licensee.

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