

Date: September 18, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN39249

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 III staff on this date.

Facility:
Consumers Power Co.
Palisades Nuclear Plant
South Haven MI

Licensee Emergency Classification
 General Emergency
 Site Area Emergency
 Alert
 Unusual Event
 N/A

Docket No. 50-255

Subject: FATAL ELECTRICAL ACCIDENT

At about 12 noon (EDT) on September 18, 1992, a worker at the Palisades Nuclear Plant was fatally injured in an electrical accident. The worker, a Consumers Power Company employee, was on temporary assignment at the plant from the company's Battle Creek laboratory services division. He was troubleshooting electrical equipment associated with the monitoring and control system for the main turbine-generator.

The worker was taken by ambulance to the South Haven (Michigan) Community Hospital.

The accident did not involve radiation, and there was no effect on safety-related plant equipment. Some control room instrumentation for monitoring the turbine-generator was affected, but the plant remained stable with the turbine in manual control.

The licensee is investigating the accident. The licensee has issued a news announcement and is responding to news inquiries.

The State of Michigan and the Occupational Safety Health Administration will be informed. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

Region III (Chicago) was notified of this accident by the NRC resident inspector at 12:30 p.m. (EDT) on September 18, 1992. This information is current as of 3:20 p.m. (EDT) on September 18, 1992.

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