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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-V-94-008

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 V staff on this date.

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| Facility  | Licensee Emergency Classification   |
| Southern California Edison & San Diego Gas & Electric Co. | Notification of Unusual Event Alert |
| San Onofre 3  | Site Area Emergency                 |
| Camp Pendleton, California                                | General Emergency                   |
| Dockets: 50-362   | X Not Applicable                    |

Subject: PERSONNEL INJURY AND STEAM LEAK

On March 30, 1993, Southern California Edison (SCE) reported that a Unit 3 auxiliary operator had been injured and transported offsite by helicopter after being struck in the chin by a bonnet from a broken valve. The operator had been attempting to close a one-inch valve in a sensing line from a main steam inlet to the high pressure turbine when the valve broke. SCE reported that the operator was conscious when leaving the site, and preliminary reports from the hospital indicate that the operator was not seriously injured.

The broken valve is located downstream from one of the main turbine governor valves. Steam is leaking from the broken valve into an open area on the Unit 3 turbine deck and the leaking steam does not appear to present a threat to reactor or main turbine operation. Plant personnel have entered the area in steam suits and determined that the valve bonnet, which screws into the valve body, sheared off leaving a couple of threads in the valve body. SCE reported that the valve had an existing body-to-bonnet leak, and that a temporary repair had been attempted in January 1994.

Unit 3 is operating at 98 percent power and SCE does not intend to reduce power at this time. Options to perform repairs are being evaluated.

The NRC resident inspectors have discussed the situation with plant management and are monitoring the licensee's actions.

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