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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-90-44 Date 11/7/90

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by Region V staff on this date.

FACILITY: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
SAN ONOFRE UNITS 1, 2, & 3
DOCKET NO. 50-206, 361, 362
SAN CLEMENTE, CA

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

SUBJECT: LARGE BRUSH FIRE IN VICINITY OF SITE

An Unusual Event was declared at 12:47 a.m. PST on November 7, 1990, based on notification to offsite agencies of a large brush fire in the vicinity of the site. Interstate 5, which runs north/south adjacent to the site, has been closed to traffic, but plant personnel have been allowed access to the site. Small patches of the fire came within 200 feet of the site owner controlled area. The wind is currently blowing the fire away from the site, with the fire 2-3 miles south of the plant on both sides of the freeway.

Fire departments from Orange County, local communities, and the Camp Pendleton Marine base are assisting in fighting the fire. The licensee has notified Orange County and State of California Offices of Emergency Services.

The fire continues to burn close to several transmission lines owned by San Diego Gas and Electric Company. On several occasions the circuit breakers associated with these transmission lines opened momentarily, due to the fire and smoke, but were shut almost immediately. No major plant transient occurred as a result of these breakers cycling. The availability of three sources of independent offsite power supplied through SCE owned transmission lines has not been effected by the fire.

Currently, Unit 1 is shutdown and defueled for thermal shield modifications. Both Units 2 and 3 are operating at full power. One of the Unit 3 emergency diesel generators is out of service. Plant personnel are currently working to restore it to service.

The Resident Inspector was notified by the licensee at approximately 10:00 p.m. (PST) on November 6, 1990 and reported to the site.

The Resident Inspectors are continuing to monitor the licensee's actions and progress of the fire.

The progress of the fire has received significant media attention.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. (PST) November 7, 1990.

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