

April 14, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-016

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

Arizona Public Service Co.
Palo Verde 3
Wintersburg, Arizona
Dockets: 50-530

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: FITNESS-FOR-DUTY - LICENSED OPERATOR TESTED POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL

At 7:39 p.m. (MST) on April 13, 1994 a reactor operator (RO) tested positive for alcohol as a result of "For Cause Testing". When the RO reported for duty at 7 p.m., April 13, 1994, another RO smelled the odor of alcohol and reported the fact to the shift supervisor who had him tested. In the initial interview with the shift supervisor, the RO indicated he had consumed alcohol "well prior to 12 noon and then went to bed. The alcohol breath analysis equipment test results were 0.042 for both tests which are above the 0.04 percent test cut-off level. The RO was offered and declined a confirmatory blood sample test.

Upon identification of the positive alcohol test results, the employee's site access was removed pending further evaluation. The licensee has completed the required 24- hour nonemergency notification.

The state of Arizona will not be informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by the licensee from resident inspector at 7:30 a.m. on April 14, 1994.

This information herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of April 14, 1994 at 12:57 p.m. (CDT).

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