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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-018

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.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Nine City & County Of Honolulu & State	Notification of Unusual Event
Nine City & Cnty Of Honolulu & Stat	Alert
State of Hawaii Licensees	Site Area Emergency
	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE STRIKE

At 11:00 a.m., PDT, April 19, 1994, the Region IV Walnut Creek Field Office (WCFO) was notified of a general government employee strike involving the City and County of Honolulu and State of Hawaii employees. On Monday, April 18, approximately 10,000 clerical and administrative workers went on strike. An additional 6,000 technical and professional workers are expected to strike on Friday. An NRC inspector in Hawaii for routine inspections notified the WCFO of this situation.

The NRC has nine separate radioactive material licenses issued to various state, city, and county agencies in Hawaii. The largest of these licensees is the University of Hawaii. The onsite inspector was diverted from his preassigned duties to visit the University to determine what effect the strike might have. The inspector determined that the Radiation Safety staff and the principal investigators at the University were not going to strike. The remaining government agency licensees are licensed for portable and fixed gauges, gas chromatographs, and well-logging sources. It is not likely that the strike would result in any significant safety concerns. The WCFO was able to contact (via telephone) all but two of these licensees. Efforts will continue to contact the remaining two licensees. Region IV will issue an update to this PN if inquiries identify any safety issues regarding NRC licensed material.

The strike is receiving significant media coverage in the State of Hawaii.

This information is current as of 4:15 p.m., PDT, April 19, 1994.

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