

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-90-104

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 I staff on this date.

Facility:	Licensee Emergency Classification:
Yankee Atomic Electric Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Yankee Nuclear Power Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
Rowe, Massachusetts	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
Docket No.: 50-29	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Subject: POTENTIAL STRIKE BY THE ONSITE SECURITY FORCE

At 1:00 p.m. December 13, the licensee informed the NRC Resident Inspector that contract negotiations between the security contractor (Burns) and the local union had been unsuccessful and that the potential for a strike of the security guards exists effective 6:00 p.m., December 15. The union informed the licensee of its intention to establish an information picket line when the strike occurs. The current contract, which contained a "no strike, no lockout" provision, expired December 6. The union is scheduled to vote on a contract offer on December 15.

Licensee contingency plans include satisfying security plan commitments through the use of licensee Security Department management and supervisors and contractor non-union personnel. The licensee does not expect non-security staffing to be impacted if a strike were to occur.

In anticipation of the possibility of longer-term needs, the contractor has begun augmenting the above contingency force with suitably qualified personnel from other sites. These personnel will be provided appropriate site-specific training prior to assuming security force duties.

Licensee security management is closely monitoring the activities of the security staff. The NRC Resident Inspectors and regional security specialists are monitoring and reviewing licensee actions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been informed.

Region I is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

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