PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-027

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
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
Diablo Canyon 1
San Luis Obispo County, California
Dockets: 50-275

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

Subject: UNUSUAL EVENT DECLARED DUE TO FORCED UNIT SHUTDOWN

On Tuesday, May 10, 1994, at 11:45 a.m. (PDT), the licensee declared an unusual event when they determined that the "C" phase of their main transformer had to be replaced, and the replacement time would exceed the 72 hours allowed by the Technical Specifications. The licensee has commenced work to replace the faulty transformer and expects the outage to last until the replacement is completed on May 21, 1994. The licensee initiated shutdown at 11:45 a.m. The unusual event was exited when the unit reached Mode 5 at 10:45 p.m. (PDT) on May 10, 1994.

Root cause information is expected to be available after the transformer is replaced.

The Resident Inspectors are following the licensee's actions.

The licensee informed the local news media. The licensee plans to issue Licensee Event Report 50-275/90-010 by June 9, 1994.

The state of California has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Resident Inspector at 12:10 p.m. (PDT), on May 10, 1994.

This information herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 11 2.m. (PDT), May 11, 1994.

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MAY 6 1994 Docket Nos. 50-352 50-353 Mr. D. M. Smith Senior Vice President -Nuclear PECO Energy Nuclear Group Headquarters Correspondence Control Desk P. O. Box 195 Wayne, PA 19087-0195 Dear Mr. Smith: SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-352/93-27 AND 50-353/93-27 This refers to Mr. David Helwig's April 5, 1994, correspondence, in response to the meeting

held in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regional Office on February 10, 1994, regarding Limerick Generating Station Units 1 and 2.

The correspondence provided a summary of the Limerick licensed operator requalification examination results. The correspondence also provided PECO Energy's assessment, including root causes and corrective actions, of the NRC findings regarding operator and facility evaluator performance during the JPM portion of the requalification examination. We have reviewed this matter in accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Procedure 92701.

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter. We consider these actions acceptable pending further review in a future inspection of your licensed program.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Original Signed by Paul Bessett/for

Glenn W. Meyer, Chief BWR & PWR Sections Division of Reactor Safety

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SUBJECT: Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2

Summary of Licensed Operator Requalification Examination

Results

On February 10, 1994, representatives from PECO Energy Company and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) met at NRC Region I offices to discuss the results of the Limerick Generating Station (LGS) 1993 Licensed Operator Requalification (LOR) examinations. This meeting was held in response to NRC letter dated December 2, 1993, which issued Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-352/93-27 and 50-353/93-27. This report contained findings related to operator and evaluator performance during the job performance measure portion of the requalification examination. As discussed at the meeting, and subsequently requested by NRC letter dated March 1, 1994, attached is a summary of the LOR examination results, and of PECO Energy's assessment, including root causes and corrective actions, of the NRC findings.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

GHS

Attachment

cc: T. T. Martin, Administrator, Region I, USNRC w/attachment N. S. Perry, USNRC Senior Resident Inspector, LGS