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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-III-91-01 Date January 16, 1991

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 III staff on this date.

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| Facility: Davis-Besse | Licensee Emergency Classification |
| Docket No. 50-346 | General Emergency _____ Site Area Emergency _____ |
| | Alert _____ Unusual Event _____ N/A <u>X</u> |

Subject: SUSPICIOUS DEVICE INVESTIGATED INSIDE PROTECTED AREA

At about 8:30 a.m. (CST), January 16, 1991, a construction foreman found what appeared to be an explosive device in a locker inside a building used by construction workers. The building is located inside the Protected Area, separate from the reactor building complex.

The suspicious device resembled three sticks of dynamite with wires attached and the word "explosives" written on the wrapping.

The licensee notified the Sheriff's Department and the local FBI office. A bomb squad was dispatched to the scene.

Upon closer inspection, the device turned out to be three dowel rods made up to look like an explosive. During the investigation, a guard who had been in training, notified the licensee that he had made the device to be used as a "prop" during training exercises. He had not previously notified the training department of his activities. The licensee continues to investigate this incident.

There has been considerable local news media interest in this event.

The State of Ohio will be notified. The NRC's Information Assessment Team was notified.

Region III (Chicago) first learned of this event at 8:45 a.m. (CST), January 16, 1991. This information is current as of 3 p.m. (CST), January 16, 1991.

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