

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-91-9

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:
Public Service Electric & Gas Co.
Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey 08038
Salem Generating Station
DNs 50-272/311 & 50-354

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

Subject: APPARENT SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDING OF ON-DUTY SECURITY OFFICER

On January 31, 1991 at 9:42 p.m., a fire watch found a female contract security officer wounded by a single gun shot to the chest in a women's locker room in the Salem Access Control Building.

The officer was transported by Medi-Vac helicopter to the Cooper Medical Center in Camden, New Jersey where she remains in critical condition.

The Lower Alloways Creek Police Department and Salem County Prosecutor's Office were notified and are investigating the incident. One round had been fired from the officer's service weapon. A psychological services group is on-site conducting post-stress and post-trauma debriefings with other employees. The licensee is also continuing its investigation.

Plant security was not adversely impacted by this incident and a review of the officer's responsibility indicated nothing unusual.

The NRC Operations Center was notified of the event at 10:53 p.m.

The IAT and FBI have been notified and the incident has been reported by local news media. The NRC Resident Inspectors and region-based security inspectors are following up on developments in the case. Region I is prepared to respond to media inquiries. This Preliminary Notification is current as of 9:30 a.m.

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