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

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Diablo Canyon
Docket No. 50-275

SUBJECT: GUARDS EXPOSED TO X-RAY MACHINES UNDER
STATE OF CALIFORNIA JURISDICTION

On March 11, 1983, the resident inspector notified the Region V office that at least five guards have received radiation exposure from X-ray machines used for searching packages brought into the protected area. Apparently some of the guards rode through the X-ray machine as a prank. These machines are similar to those used at airport security checks.

Preliminary estimates by the licensee indicate that the dose-equivalent per exposure is much less than 1 mrem, although one exposure could have resulted in a dose-equivalent of 20 to 30 mrem. The licensee has dismissed four individuals and taken some disciplinary action with eleven others. Media interest is expected. No press release is planned by the licensee or Region V.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

Region V notified California OSHA and they will conduct an investigation. No further action by Region V is planned.

This information is current as of 12:00 Noon PST on March 11, 1983.

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