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Date: June 24, 1980

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Southern California Edison Company

. San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 1

San Clemente, California

Docket No. 50-206

SUBJECT: STEAM GENERATOR TUBE DEGRADATION

The licensee has extended its scheduled refueling outage completion date from early June to late July primarily due to steam generator tube deficiencies. Eddy current testing revealed a large number of indications requiring tube plugging (approximately 400 tubes). The licensee has decided to make additional tube examinations to further understand the present conditions and the possible causes. Initial analysis indicates intergranular stress corrosion cracking is present. Westinghouse has been consulted on the actions to be taken and the licensee is meeting with NRR this week to discuss the problem.

Media interest is not expected. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a news release.

Region V (San Francisco) received notification of this occurrence from the licensee at 11:00 AM on 6/19/80 and the resident inspector at 8:30 AM on 6/24/80. This information is current as of 9:00 AM on 6/24/80.

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