

June 20, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-031

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.  
Humboldt Bay 3  
San Francisco, California  
Dockets: 50-133

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: EARTHQUAKE NEAR DEFUELED REACTOR FACILITY

An earthquake was reported approximately 37 miles from the Humboldt Bay Facility near Eureka, California. The earthquake occurred on Sunday, June 19, 1994, at 3:39 a.m. and was measured at magnitude 4.9 with the epicenter located off the coast of California 15 miles west of Petrolia. The earthquake was initially reported to the Headquarters Duty Officer by FEMA. No report to NRC was required by the licensee.

The licensee's facility has been maintained in SAFSTOR since 1988. About 390 spent fuel assemblies housed in neutron absorbing cans are stored in the spent fuel pool. Region IV contacted the licensee on June 20, 1994 and it was reported by the licensee that a facility walkdown had noted no damage from the earthquake. The personnel onsite reported feeling the event. The State of California has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Headquarters Duty Officer at 8:30 a.m. on June 19, 1994. Region IV has informed the Civil Engineering and Geosciences Branch, NRR.

This information herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of June 20, 1994.

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