

June 23, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-033

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

Washington Public Power Supply System
Washington Nuclear 2
Richland, Washington
Dockets: 50-397

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: PRANK RESULTING IN POTENTIAL SECURITY PROGRAM CHALLENGE

At approximately, 10:15 a.m., (PST) Monday, June 20, 1994, the WNP-2 Security Programs Manager notified the NRC resident inspector of a security event that occurred on Friday, June 17, 1994.

At approximately 9:47 p.m., a WNP-2 security guard saw two individuals in the protected area, who were wearing black ski masks that had been issued as winter working apparel, heading west in a motorized maintenance cart. The security guard yelled at the individuals to stop; however, they continued. The individuals stopped at a trailer used by contract health physics personnel. Upon exiting the cart, the individuals were intercepted by a security supervisor, who had also seen the masked individuals in the cart. He recognized the individuals by observing their Supply System badging and the clothing they were wearing and ordered the individuals to remove their masks. The security supervisor recognized the individuals and demanded their intentions. The individuals related that they were going to scare the HP technicians, since it had been tense the last few days. He told the individuals to return to their work station. The security supervisor subsequently notified the WNP-2 Shift Manager.

The Shift Manager notified the acting Operations Manager. The acting manager told the Shift Manager to contact the senior on-site maintenance supervisor to resolve the issue. Both individuals were counselled. Each worker completed a statement of his actions and finished their shift work activities.

On Saturday, June 18, 1994, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Plant Manager was notified of the event. He directed that access to the protected area, for the two individuals, be removed until a supervisory review had been completed. He also requested that the Fitness-for-Duty coordinator be contacted for the appropriateness of "for cause" testing. A human relations person was contacted and stated that the testing was not necessary. At 12 noon, Monday, June 20, 1994, the laborers were reinstated access after a first-line supervisory review without the plant manager's knowledge. The plant manager subsequently directed that their access be removed on Tuesday, June 21, 1994, after they had worked an additional shift.

The licensee is conducting an independent investigation of this event.

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On Wednesday, June 22, 1994, the licensee conducted fitness-for-duty testing of the two laborers.

Following a media inquiry, the licensee provided the local newspaper with a brief summary of the event. This event has received substantial local media coverage.

State and local authorities have not been formally notified.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the resident inspectors at approximately 10:15 a.m. (PDT), on June 20, 1994. Region IV has informed NRR, the EDO, and the PAO.

This information herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 8:15 a.m. (PDT), June 23, 1994.

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