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Facility: Arizona Public Service Company (APS)
Palo Verde, Unit 3
Docket No. 50-530

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

SUBJECT: MALICIOUS MISCHIEF (CUT/DAMAGED CABLES)

PNO-V-84-06 reported that on February 7, 1984 the licensee discovered that 22 instrumentation cables in the upper cable spreading room had been deliberately cut by persons unknown. Some of these cables are safety related.

As a result of an inspection, the licensee reported on February 8, 1984 the following additional information concerning the discovery of damaged/cut cables at Unit-3.
West Diesel Generator Room: Several safety-related instrumentation conduits associated with diesel fuel measuring were found bent and mashed.
Area Adjacent to Upper Cable Spreading Room: safety-related instrumentation cables at the 120' elevation were found cut.
Control Room: 6 small vendor wires located in an annunciator panel were found cut.
Rad-Waste Building: 20-25 small wires inside a panel were found cut. The licensee continues their extensive inspection of Unit-3 electrical wiring.

APS and Bechtel Construction Company are conducting an investigation. Their preliminary findings and further plans will be reviewed onsite by Region V Safeguards, February 13-14.

The FBI was notified by the licensee on February 7, 1984

Unit-3 is under construction and approximately 60% complete.

Inquiries from local media are being received by both the licensee and Region V office. The licensee is responding to media inquiries. No press release is planned by the NRC.

The IAT was notified initially on February 7, 1984 and again on February 8, 1984.

This update is issued for information only.

Region V (San Francisco) received telephonic notification of this occurrence from the Palo Verde Resident Inspector.

This information is current as of 12:20 p.m., PST, February 9, 1984.

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