

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-83-43

Date: 10/3/83

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 IE staff on this date.

Licensee Emergency Classification:

FACILITY: Southern California Edison Company
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 3
San Clemente, California
Docket Nos. 50-362

☒ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☐ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: Isolation of Flow from Charging Pumps to the RCS

As a result of excessive leakage from the reactor coolant system (RCS), the Unit 3 reactor was shutdown from 20 percent power on September 29, 1983, and action was initiated to identify and isolate the source of the leakage. In preparation for cooldown, the RCS was borated to the shutdown margin required for cold shutdown conditions. While attempting to locate the leak, two manual valves in the discharge of the charging pumps were shut in accordance with an abnormal valve lineup. This valve lineup resulted in the isolation of all charging pump flow to the RCS. The lineup had been developed by the plant superintendent in consultation with station engineers, but, may not have been subject to all required reviews. The valves were shut at approximately 9:00 p.m. on September 29, 1983. At approximately 2:00 a.m. on September 30, 1983, the graveyard Shift Supervisor recognized that isolating the charging system by closing the valves was a violation of Technical Specification requirements. The valves were then opened. The licensee is conducting an investigation to determine the circumstances that led to the shutting of the valves. Region V is conducting an independent review of licensee's performance related to this event.

Both the licensee and Region V have been responding to media inquiries regarding this event.

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