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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-84-68 Date: 10/15/84

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 Region V staff on this date.

FACILITY: Southern California Edison Co.
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Unit 3
San Clemente, CA
Docket No. 50-362

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

SUBJECT: STEAM GENERATOR TUBE LEAK

The licensee has detected a tube leak in Unit 3 steam generator E-089. The leak rate was measured at 34 gallons per day (approximately 0.02 gpm), on October 14, 1984. Plant operation continues at 100% power. Based on past experience, the leak rate is expected to trend upward (reference: PNO-RV-84-41, dated 7/17/84). Industry experience has indicated that a leak rate less than 100 gallons per day is difficult to locate.

The licensee is closely monitoring the situation and plans to shut the unit down well before the Technical Specification limit is reached. The resident inspector is also actively involved in following this matter.

A supplement to this PN will be issued when further significant developments (e.g. plant shutdown) occur.

This information is current as of 12:00 noon (PDT) on October 15, 1984.

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