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Washington Public Power Supply System (WNP-2)
3000 George Washington Way
Richland, Washington 99352
Docket No. 50-397

SUBJECT: SUSPICIOUS DEVICE

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

On July 27, 1984 at approximately 11:45 p.m., PDT, a routine security patrol at the site discovered a suspicious looking device near the control room. The device consisted of a flashlight, wiring, and electrical tape. After preliminary examination by security and operations personnel, the licensee declared an unusual event and called the Richland Bomb Squad. The Bomb Squad determined that the device was not explosive; however, agreed its construction was suggestive of a hoax. Further inquiries onsite located the technician responsible for assembling the device who identified it as electrical test equipment which was being used near the control room. The licensee has determined that there was no intention of creating a hoax device on the part of the technician.

The plant is currently in cold shutdown.

The IAT has been notified.

No further action by Region V is anticipated in response to this event.

Region V (San Francisco) received information concerning this event from the Headquarters Duty Officer on July 28, 1984. This information is current as of 10:30 a.m. PDT, on July 30, 1984.

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