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Facility: LaSalle Unit 2 Licensee Emergency Classification
 Marseilles, IL 61341 General Emergency Site Area Emergency
 Docket No: 50-374 Alert _____ Unusual Event _____ N/A X

Subject: CONTRACT DIVER INCIDENT (UPDATE)

The diver who experienced difficulties while working in the circulating water piping at LaSalle Unit 2 died early April 18, 1992, at a suburban Chicago hospital.

The diver had been working under water on the discharge side of the circulating water outlet valve. He was attempting to provide a better seal on the valve in preparation for condenser tube leak checks. The plant is in cold shutdown.

The diver experienced difficulties and was rescued from the piping by a backup diver. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was administered to the diver, and he was taken to a Streator, Illinois, hospital. He was later flown to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois.

The State of Illinois and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration have been notified. The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office is investigating the incident and will conduct an inquest. The cause of the diver's difficulties has not been determined.

There has been area news media interest in the diver's death.

This updated information is current as of 10 a.m. on April 20, 1992.

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