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Facility: LaSalle Unit 2  
 LaSalle, Illinois  
 Docket No. 50-374

Licensee Emergency Classification  
 General Emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Site Area Emergency \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alert \_\_\_\_\_ Unusual Event \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X

Subject: CONTRACT DIVER INCIDENT

At 11:10 a.m. (CDT) on April 17, 1992, a contract diver was working underwater in the Unit 2 circulating water piping (between the isolation valve and the condenser outlet). He was attempting to provide a better seal on the isolation valve in preparation for condenser tube leak checks on the unit which was in cold shutdown. He experienced health-related difficulties, and was immediately rescued from the piping. CPR was administered for approximately 20 minutes and he was subsequently rushed to St. Mary Hospital in Streator, Illinois. The hospital staff was able to detect pulse and blood pressure from the diver, and he was air lifted to Luthern General Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He was last reported to be in critical condition. The diver was not contaminated.

He had been submerged for approximately 25 minutes when difficulty occurred, and it took 5-8 minutes to rescue him from the piping. He was certified to dive for one hour and did not indicate any health problem prior to this activity. The resident inspectors are monitoring the incident.

The State of Illinois will be notified. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

The licensee notified the NRC Operations Center of this event at 2:25 p.m. This information is current as of 4:00 p.m., April 17, 1992.

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