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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-84-52

Date: 08/22/84

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 IE staff on this date.

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

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

SUBJECT: POTENTIAL DEGRADATION OF HIGH PRESSURE SAFETY INJECTION CAPABILITY

During a review of daily operations logs at 1745 PDT on August 21, 1984, the licensee determined that High Pressure Safety Injection (HPSI) had been potentially degraded between 0416 and 0616 PDT on the previous shift. The Unit was at 100% power throughout that time period. The degraded condition occurred when the component cooling water heat exchanger, which supplies cooling for one HPSI train was taken out of service for cleaning, during a time when a redundant train of HPSI was degraded by having its mini flow bypass open for subgroup relay testing. The HPSI pump maximum flow capability is 107% of design minimum. Opening the bypass may reduce system flow below the 100% requirement. It is therefore believed that opening the mini flow bypass may render the pump technically inoperable. The licensee is conducting a formal investigation of the event.

Neither the Region nor the Licensee intend to issue a press release.

This information is current as of 1:00 p.m. PDT on August 22, 1984.

This PN is issued for information only.

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