PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-84-53 Date: 8/23/84

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:	Washington Public Power Supply System	Licensee Emergency Classification Notification of Unusual Event Alert Site Area Emergency		
	Richland, Washington Docket No. 50-397			
		General Emergency XX Not Applicable		

SUBJECT: THERMAL TRANSIENT FEEDWATER PIPE SUPPORT DAMAGE

At 9:43 pm PDT on August 22, 1984 an apparent thermal transient occurred in the reactor feedwater system downstream of the high pressure feedwater heaters (6A and 6B) subsequent to placing a condensate booster pump in operation. The transient caused pipe hanger and support damage that resulted in the leakage of approximately 20 gallons of water from bolted pipe flanges downstream of the feedwater heaters. The reactor was at approximately 1% power, 480°F, 560 psig at the time of the event, and was being returned to power following the repair of main condenser tubes. The reactor was subsequently placed in cold shutdown. The licensee is analyzing the event and will keep the NRC apprised of the results of their findings.

The licensee plans to issue a press release as media interest is expected. Region V does not plan to issue a press release, but will respond to any inquiries.

This information is current as of 9:00 am PDT on August 23, 1984.

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