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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-84-54

Date: 08/27/84

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: Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
Diablo Canyon Unit 1
Docket No. 275
San Luis Obispo County, CA

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

SUBJECT: INOPERABLE CONTAINMENT VENTILATION ISOLATION SYSTEM

AT 4:11 am on August 26, 1984, while performing surveillance activities on one of the two plant vent noble gas radiation monitors, the automatic termination of release function for the containment purge system was determined to be inoperable. This function was inoperable because the other plant vent noble gas radiation monitor was cleared and deenergized at 6:00 pm on August 23, 1984, in accordance with procedures and the associated containment purge system isolation signal was reset. With this signal reset, the high radiation signal from the other radiation monitor would not cause a containment purge system isolation. A containment purge had been underway from 10:13 am on August 22, 1984, through 12:44 pm on August 24, 1984, while the containment purge system isolation function was inoperable. There was no release of radioactive effluents via this pathway.

The licensee has issued a press release.

This information is current as of 10:00 PDT on August 27, 1984.

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