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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-85-15 Date: 3/13/85

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 Region V staff on this date.

FACILITY: Southern California Edison Co. Licensee Emergency Classification
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station XX Notification of Unusual Event
Unit 3 Alert
50-362 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: CESSATION OF A RETURN TO SERVICE DUE TO A REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAK AT AN RTD

On March 12, 1985, while in Mode 2 with the reactor critical, during a return to service following a 44 day maintenance outage, the licensee noted a hot leg RTD (temperature element No. 112-1) which behaved erratically. The RTD was physically examined at 6:00 pm, PST, and water was noted in the thermowell. At 8:15 pm, PST, the water was determined to be due to thermowell leakage.

The licensee declared an unusual event at 8:15 pm, PST, and commenced shutdown. The event was considered terminated at that time. As of 7:30 am, PST, March 13, 1985, the unit is 400°F, 1800 psig in Mode 3. The licensee expects to enter Mode 4 by 12:00 pm, PST. The licensee plans to drain down the reactor coolant system and commence repair. There were no releases of radiation associated with the event.

The licensee plans to issue a press release on March 13, 1985. This information is current as of 8:00 am, PST, March 13, 1985.

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