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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-85-50 Date: 07/31/85

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: Arizona Nuclear Power Project  
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station  
Unit 2  
Docket No. 50-529

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

SUBJECT: POTENTIAL UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT

On July 26, 1985, while preparing to cool down from a 55 day hot functional test run, the Unit 2 control room received an alarm indicating that a breaker control switch had been operated without authorization from the "remote" position to the "local" position. This switch is a power supply breaker which can isolate the loads from the control room and allow continued operation of the B train equipment from outside of the control room in case of a control room fire. The switch is located outside the control room in the D battery charger/inverter equipment room, an area which is monitored by plant security. The licensee is currently investigating whether the unauthorized switch operation was intentional or accidental.

A potential tampering event associated with the unauthorized operation of equipment from the remote shutdown panel on July 11, 1985, remains under licensee investigation.  
(See PNO-V-85-41)

This information is current as of 9:00 am (PDT), July 31, 1985.

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