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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-88-04 Date 01/27/88

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: PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
DIABLO CANYON UNIT 1
DOCKET NO. 275
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CA

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

SUBJECT: SMOLDERING INSULATION ON HIGH PRESSURE TURBINE

On January 27, 1988, at 12:27 P.M., PST, with the plant at 90% power, the licensee declared an Unusual Event as a result of smoldering insulation on the high pressure turbine of the main turbine generator. The licensee identified smoke emanating from a small section of oil-soaked insulation at about 11:00 A.M., PST, and dispatched the fire brigade.

As a precautionary measure, the licensee requested the backup assistance of the California Department of Forestry, notified the County of San Luis Obispo, and upgraded the event classification to an Unusual Event in accordance with the Emergency Plan. After removing most of the affected insulation from the high pressure turbine area, the smoldering diminished, and the Unusual Event was terminated at 2:45 P.M., PST. The source of the oil has not been identified, and no leakage is evident.

A two-person firewatch will remain throughout the night as maintenance personnel continue to inspect and remove insulation suspected of being oil impregnated. Efforts continue to identify the source of the oil leak.

The licensee has updated the news media plant status information recording, and is responding to inquiries. Region V has also responded to media inquiries.

This information is current as of 4:00 P.M., PST.

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