

April 18, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-88-30

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV staff on this date.

FACILITY: Houston Lighting and Power Company	Licensee Emergency Classification:
South Texas Project, Unit 1	<u>X</u> Notification of Unusual Event
Bay City, Texas	Alert
50-498	Site Area Emergency
	General Emergency
	Not Applicable

SUBJECT: LOSS OF CONTROL ROOM RECIRCULATION VENTILATION

AT 4:10 p.m. (CDT), on April 18, 1988, with the plant in Mode 1 at 30% power, the "A" train control room ventilation makeup supply damper (FCV 9584) failed to close during surveillance. The "C" train equipment, including No. 13 Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) had been previously secured for a maintenance outage causing the "C" train control room ventilation system to be inoperable. Technical Specification (TS) 3.8.1.1.d.1 associated with the EDG requires that the failed equipment associated with another train be repaired within 2 hours or the plant be placed in hot standby within 6 hours.

The licensee declared a Notification of Unusual Event (NOUE) at 8:00 p.m., as required by procedure when a plant shutdown is required by the TS. The condition was evaluated by the license and the NOUE was exited at 8:01 p.m. (CDT).

The licensee repaired the failed damper at approximately 11:00 p.m. (CDT) and the plant was returned to power escalation (30% plateau testing) from 13% power.

The NRC resident inspector is monitoring the licensee's actions.

The licensee plans to issue a press release.

The state of Texas has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by phone from the HDO at 8:20 p.m. CDT. Region IV has informed EDO, NRR, and PA.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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