

August 30, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-88-72

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 & Power Co.
South Texas Project, Unit 1
Bay City, Texas
DN: 50-498

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

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN IN EXCESS OF 48 HOURS

At about 8:57 a.m., August 30, 1988, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) began a shutdown from approximately 45 percent power to repair a main steam vent line leak at South Texas Project, Unit 1 (STP-1). HL&P anticipates approximately 24 hours to reach cold shutdown (Mode 5) condition and an additional 48 hours to complete repairs and inspections. HL&P discovered the leak coming from a socket weld in a 1-inch main steam vent line associated with the high point vent of the A steam generator while performing maintenance in the reactor containment building during the evening of August 29, 1988. The licensee intends to inspect similar socket welds on main steam and main feed vent lines inside containment during the shutdown.

Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a press release.

The state of Texas will be informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Senior Resident Inspector at 10:45 a.m. (CDT) and confirmed the information with the licensee at 1 p.m. (CDT) August 30, 1988.

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