

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-88-58

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 I staff on this date.

Facility:
Boston Edison Company
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
Boston, Massachusetts
Docket Number 50-293

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

Subject: MAINTENANCE WORK RESTRICTED BY LICENSEE MANAGEMENT

On the afternoon of May 27, 1988, Boston Edison management halted performance of general maintenance at Pilgrim. A licensee self-assessment completed on May 26 identified maintenance program weaknesses. Concerns regarding the effectiveness of the licensee's program for control of routine and corrective maintenance were raised by the NRC during a recent maintenance team inspection completed on May 5, as documented in a report issued May 25. In addition, the licensee's Quality Assurance department recently identified similar concerns in the area of maintenance on environmentally qualified equipment. Licensee management has concluded that significant changes to the station maintenance program are warranted, and is developing an action plan to address the problem. All maintenance tasks which are not covered by job-specific, detailed, approved station procedures have been suspended pending review. Activities such as surveillance testing and a small number of maintenance activities, that are clearly delineated by detailed procedures, will be allowed to continue. Additional maintenance tasks are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis and will only be released to the field if appropriate procedures or instructions are written and applied. All work released, will be reviewed and approved by the Maintenance Section Manager. The resident inspectors are monitoring licensee actions.

No offsite notifications were made by the licensee.

Region I is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been informed.

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