

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNS-I-86-05

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: Philadelphia Electric Co.
Peach Bottom Generating Station
Delta, Pennsylvania
(D/N 50-277/278)

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

Subject: BOMB THREATS

At 10:35 p.m. on May 6, 1986, the Peach Bottom Control Room received an anonymous telephone call stating that two bombs were set to go off at 1:00 a.m., May 7, 1986. The licensee believed the caller to be a male in his 20's or 30's with no abnormal speech patterns. Bomb threat and notification procedures were initiated. At approximately 10:49 p.m. the same night, the York County police dispatcher received an anonymous phone call over the emergency 911 number reporting that two bombs were set to go off at about 1:00 a.m., May 7, 1986 at specified areas of the Peach Bottom plant. Non-essential personnel were evacuated from plant buildings. The bomb search turned up no device. Normal plant operations were resumed at 1:40 a.m. The licensee could not positively determine whether the two calls were made by the same individual.

At 10:36 p.m. on May 7, 1986, another anonymous call (apparently a different caller from the previous callers) was received by the Lancaster County police dispatcher over the emergency 911 number stating, "Listen carefully, I planted two bombs at Peach Bottom last night and I will set them off tonight if the American people do not wake up." The licensee decided not to evacuate the plant buildings after receiving this threat because of the hoax calls the previous night. The licensee considered this threat a restatement of the May 6, 1986 bomb threats and not credible. Security force personnel conducted searches of plant areas with negative results. Several telephone calls have been received by NRC Region I from contractor personnel on site relative to the licensee's decision not to evacuate the plant buildings on the night of May 7. These individuals were suspended for failing to return to work after learning of the May 7 threat.

The licensee has notified the FBI and Pennsylvania State Police, and is continuing to investigate the threats.

The NRC was notified of the threats in each case.

The NRC's IAT and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been informed.

This PNS is current as of 11:30 a.m., May 8, 1986.

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