

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V: 81-25

Date: April 27, 1981

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public health significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Southern California Edison Company  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 1  
San Clemente, California  
Docket No. 50-206

Subject: EARTHQUAKE AT SAN ONOFRE UNIT 1

The Resident Inspector at San Onofre Unit 1 was informed by the licensee at approximately 5:15 a.m. on April 26, 1981, that the onsite seismic trigger tripped an alarm (.01g) at 5:12 a.m. Some licensee personnel stated that they felt a slight earthquake at that time. The Cal Tech Seismological Lab has been quoted in the media as recording a earthquake of Richter magnitude 5.6 at 5:09 a.m. in Westmorland, California, approximately 125 miles east by southeast of the Unit. The licensee inspected the facility in accordance with its procedure. No damage was found.

San Onofre Unit 1 has been shutdown since April 11, 1980, for repair.

This item is closed for purposes of updating.

Media interest (in this earthquake) has been high, but not directed at this facility. The NRC does not plan on issuing a news release.

San V (San Francisco) received notification of this occurrence from the Resident Inspector at 0830 on 4/27/81. This information is current as of 0830 on 4/27/81.

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