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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

January 6, 1977

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-77-05

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

Facility: Seabrook Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Docket Nos. 50-443 and 50-444)
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire

Subject: CUTBACK OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT THE SEABROOK SITE

The Board of Directors of Public Service Co. of New Hampshire has passed a resolution to reduce the construction activity at the Seabrook site to the lowest practical level. This action is being taken as a result of the EPA's recent decision regarding the facility's cooling water system. Objectives in accordance with the resolution will be to provide a substantial reduction in cash flow; to continue work underway where necessary or desirable to complete a specific phase of work in progress or to permit an orderly resumption of construction at a later time; to provide for maintenance and security of the site; and, to maintain and safeguard the environment of the site and surrounding areas. Reduction of the work force to about 50 is anticipated. Some reduction in supervisory and engineering personnel may occur.

Media interest is expected because of the controversy resulting from the recent Regional EPA decision and public interest in this area. The State of New Hampshire has been and is being kept informed. A press conference is planned by the licensee at 3:30 PM January 6, 1977.

Region I, NRC, Philadelphia, Pa. received notification of this occurrence by telephone from Seabrook Project Manager at 1:15 PM January 6, 1977.

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