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Date: November 9, 1987

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-87-104

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
Plymouth, MA
Docket No. 50-293

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

Subject: SITE WORK STOPPAGE

On November 9, 1987 at about 10:30 a.m. the licensee halted ongoing maintenance and modification work at the station. The unit is currently in an extended shutdown and the licensee had been preparing for performance of the reactor vessel hydrostatic test. During the weekend of November 7 and 8, 1987 the licensee identified 1) a potential breach of a security vital area barrier, 2) a locked high radiation area door with the latch taped over preventing the door from locking, 3) a reactor protection system surveillance test which had exceeded its required interval and 4) a series of radiological problems including recontamination of a clean area of the plant due to leakage from a valve which did not have proper packing installed.

In response to these incidents the licensee's Senior Vice President-Nuclear directed that ongoing maintenance and modification work onsite be suspended. Contractor craft personnel were instructed to clear the site and were directed not to report for work until November 12, 1987. The licensee is presently evaluating the situation.

The Resident Inspector was informed of this action by the licensee's Senior Vice President-Nuclear at approximately 10:40 a.m. on November 9, 1987.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been notified.

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