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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-85-31

Date: 05/21/85

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events 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 Region V staff on this date.

FACILITY: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Rancho Seco
Herald, California
Docket No. 50-312

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

SUBJECT: CAUSTIC SPRAY AT RANCHO SECO

At approximately 11:30 am (PDT), May 21, 1985, a sight glass fitting on the large auxiliary boiler failed while the boiler was at approximately 130 psi steam pressure. Chemical cleaning of the boiler was in progress at the time of the event. Sodium hydroxide (diluted) was being used as the cleaning agent. The steam mist drifted approximately 100 feet from the boiler and caused skin and eye irritation to approximately 40 workers. The licensee declared an Unusual Event at 11:44 am (PDT) and terminated at 2:18 pm (PDT). Eight workers were transported to a medical facility as a precautionary measure, but none appeared to have serious injuries. No radioactivity or contamination was associated with this event. The plant has been shutdown since March 15 for a refueling outage.

The licensee has notified the news media.

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