

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-85-41 Date: 07/09/85

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FACILITY: Arizona Public Service Company  
Palo Verde Unit 2  
Docket No. 50-529

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

SUBJECT: POTENTIAL UNAUTHORIZED MANIPULATION OF VALVES FROM REMOTE SHUTDOWN PANEL

The licensee reported that on July 8, 1985, while performing a preoperational hot functional test, auxiliary spray valves, atmospheric dump valves, safety injection tank vent valves and the steam valve to the Terry Turbine (Auxiliary Feed Pump) were manipulated from a location other than the control room. The control room operators did not have control of these valves. Shortly thereafter, control was regained in the control room. The licensee suspects unauthorized manipulation of the valves from the remote shutdown panel. Local authorities and the FBI have been notified and a press statement issued. The resident inspector was notified shortly after the event occurred.

Region V has responded to media inquiries.

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