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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-49 Date: July 29, 1985

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: Southern California Edison Company
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
Docket Nos. 50-361, 50-362

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

SUBJECT: GREENPEACE BLOCKADE OF WASTE SHIPMENT

At 9:55 AM, PDT, July 29, 1985, the licensee informed Region V that a waste shipment was stopped at the Umatilla, Oregon-Plymouth, Washington, Columbia River Bridge by 7 to 15 representatives of Greenpeace on bicycles. The Greenpeace representatives blocked the shipment on the bridge with bicycles from 5:30 AM to 7:02 AM, July 29, 1985. The Oregon State Police, after determining that the shipment was acceptable, escorted the shipment and Greenpeace representatives to the first weigh station in Washington. At the weigh station the Greenpeace representatives let the air out of the truck tires. The State of Oregon, Department of Energy, Division of Siting and Regulation and State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services became involved and participated in the evaluation of the shipment. The State police of both states were involved. The truck, operated by Tri-State, continued to the Richland, Washington disposal site at 9:00 AM, PDT.

Greenpeace alleged that the shipment exceeded a dose rate limit (unidentified) of 5 mr/hr. The shipment, the first dewatered resin shipment from San Onofre in a High Integrity Container, contained 26 curies and was shipped as Type A,LSA. Dose rate measurements reported by the licensee were confirmed by a State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services inspector at Plymouth, Washington. The results of the surveys established that the shipment was well within the limits for transportation. Reportedly the Spokane Office of Greenpeace made a press release alleging that the shipment exceeded radiation limits and calling for a quarantine of the shipment. Southern California Edison had not made a press release, however a press release has been prepared for possible release. Reportedly the Greenpeace press release did not identify the origin of the shipment.

The Region V PAO was informed by DOE that 15 Greenpeace demonstrators have been arrested and confined in the Benton County jail.

This preliminary notification is for information only.

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This information is current as of 12:30 PM, PDT, July 29, 1985.

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