

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT

PNS-V-88-01 Date March 1, 1988

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by the Region V staff on this date.

FACILITY: Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station Sacramento Municipal Utility District Herald, California Docket No. 50-312	Emergency Classification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Notification of Unusual Event <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
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SUBJECT: BOMB THREAT WITH SUSPICIOUS DEVICES IDENTIFIED

At 2032 hours (PST) on February 29, 1988 two local radio stations in the Sacramento California area received a telephone message to the effect: "I'm going to blow up Rancho Seco at 1400 hours (PST) tomorrow for what you did to my friend." The radio stations notified the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office who in turn notified the plant. The licensee conducted a routine search, found three suspicious packages, and at 2149 hours (PST) declared an unusual event.

One of the packages was found in the West Switchgear Room within the vital Nuclear Services Electrical Building (NSEB). The remaining two items were found one each in two temporary office trailers within the protected area. The Sheriff's department responded at 2255 hours (PST) examined the packages and at approximately 2335 hours (PST) the licensee had determined that the items in the trailers were innocuous and of no further concern. Visual examination of the item discovered in the Switchgear room prompted a call for assistance from the Bomb Disposal Squad who arrived on site at approximately 2350 hours (PST).

After insitu x-ray and other examination techniques, the Bomb Disposal Squad moved the item to a remote location where based upon further examination they declared the item to be innocuous at 0143 hours (PST), March 1, 1988.

Region V received notification via the Emergency Notification System (ENS) from the licensee at approximately 2210 hours (PST) on February 29, 1988 following the licensee's declaration of an unusual event which was subsequently cancelled at 0230 hours (PST), March 1, 1988. News media coverage has occurred and the licensee has issued a press release. The plant has been in cold shutdown following an operational event in December of 1985.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only and is current as of 1030 hours (PST), March 1, 1988. The Information Assessment Team was notified by the NRC Operations Center at 0126 hours (EST), March 1, 1988.

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