

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: July 22, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-105

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 IE staff on this date.

Facility: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation
Vermont Yankee N.P.S. (DN 50-271)
Vernon, Vermont

Subject: PICKET LINE ESTABLISHED AT PLANT GATE

A one man picket line was set up at 7:30 am on July 22, 1980 at the plant main entrance. The informational picket was established by a local 402 carpenters union from Northampton, Mass. in protest over the use of a non-union contractor at the plant site. As of 9:00 am, approximately 50 licensee union employees, represented by the IBEW 300 local union, have honored the picket line. It is expected that all licensee union employees will honor the picket. Non-union personnel have reported for work. The plant security guard force is non-union and has reported for normal duty. The Town of Vernon Police Department has been notified and is providing support for traffic control. The normal operations crew is on duty for the day shift. The licensee is preparing an operation shift schedule comprised of 18 supervisory level licensed personnel. There is no estimate of how long the picket line will remain in place at the present time.

Media interest is expected. The State of Vermont has been informed. A press release is not planned by the licensee. A press release is not planned by the NRC at this time.

NRC Region I (Philadelphia) received notification of this event by a telephone call from the Resident Inspector. The licensee made a 50.72 report to the HQ Duty Officer at 7:30 am on July 22, 1980.

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