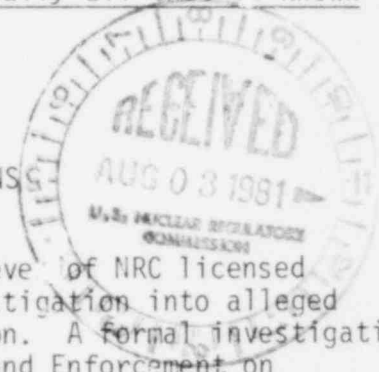


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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-81-84

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Metropolitan Edison Company
Facility: Three Mile Island, Unit 1
 Middletown, Pennsylvania
 Docket Number 50-289
Subject: NRC INVESTIGATION OF TMI-1 OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS



Two operators at Three Mile Island Unit 1 have been relieved of NRC licensed duties by GPU Nuclear pending the outcome of an NRC investigation into alleged improprieties during an NRC operator licensing examination. A formal investigation of the matter was initiated by the Office of Inspection and Enforcement on July 24, 1981.

Mr. Herman Dieckamp, GPU President, said today in a press release that the two individuals, whose examinations were the basis for initiation of the investigation, were reassigned pending completion of the investigation or development of pertinent facts.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. The licensee issued a press release this morning. No press release by NRC is planned at this time but inquiries have been responded to by the NRC Office of Public Affairs.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only. Further NRC action is dependent upon the results of the investigation.

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