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December 20, 1982

NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-82-21

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

Facility: GPU Nuclear Corporation
Three Mile Island, Unit 2
Docket Number 50-320

Licensee Emergency Classification:
X Not Applicable

Subject: MAN INJURED IN FALL FROM COOLING TOWER

At approximately 3:00 PM on 12/19/82, a contractor's employee, who was replacing aircraft warning lights, fell from the natural draft cooling tower. The employee fell from a platform and slid about 200 feet down the curved lower face of the tower. He was rescued by local fire fighters and ambulance personnel and transported to a nearby hospital where he is listed in serious condition.

Media interest has occurred because of public sensitivity to TMI related events. The licensee has issued a press release. The NRC does not plan to issue a press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was informed.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and the NRC plans to review this event.

The NRC TMI Program Office received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 3:45 PM on December 19, 1982 and this information was current as of 9:00 AM on December 20, 1982. A 10 CFR 50.72 report was not made by the licensee.

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