

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-82-69

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 the Region I staff on this date.

Facility: GPU Nuclear Corporation
Three Mile Island, Unit 1
Docket Number 50-289

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: STEAM GENERATOR TUBE REPAIR

GPU Nuclear Corporation held a press conference on the status of the steam generator repairs and to explain the technical features of the repair process. Kinetic expansion of the first six rows in the "B" Once Through Steam Generator (OTSG) was performed on October 23, 1982, and plans are to complete kinetic expansion on the first eight rows of tubes in the "A" OTSG today. The licensee has conducted eddy current testing and profilometry on selected tubes in the first six rows of the "B" OTSG and plans to conduct these tests on selected tubes in the first eight rows of the "A" OTSG. Preliminary test results indicate nine anomalies in the eddy current data. Full evaluation of the data is expected within several days.

GPU expects the repair process to be completed by late December, 1982. The OTSGs are scheduled to be ready for service by March, 1983.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was informed. The licensee responded to media questions at the press briefing, and issued a lengthy press release on October 28.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only. NRC consultants and inspectors continue to monitor the repair process.

This information was received at the licensee's press conference held at 11:30 AM, October 28, 1982.

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