

DCS No 830315
Date: March 15, 1983

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-83-18

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: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
Nine Mile Point - Unit 1
(DN 50-220)

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

Subject: PRECAUTIONARY REACTOR BUILDING EVACUATION

At 9:07 a.m. on March 15, 1983, while filling the reactor water cleanup system (RWCU) (a routine activity associated with the current outage), both channels of the Reactor Building ventilation monitor alarmed. The monitors read 12 and 20 mR/hr (alarm setpoint is 5 mR/hr). The standby gas treatment system auto started and the licensee evacuated the Reactor Building as a precautionary measure. The highest airborne activity detected was 74% MPC in the lowest level of the Reactor Building.

The alarm is believed to have been due to the overflow of the RWCU filter sludge tank resulting in a small amount of water entering a ventilation duct. There was no increase in the stack monitor reading, no release to the environment, and no personnel exposure or contamination.

Local media interest has occurred, and the licensee has issued a press release.

Region I does not plan a press release, but is responding to media inquiries.

NRC Region I was notified of this event at 9:42 a.m. on March 15 via a phone call from the Sr. Resident Inspector. This PN is issued for information only.

The State of New York has been notified.

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