

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

April 28, 1977

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-77-69

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event 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: Nine Mile Point Unit No. 1 (DN 50-220)

Subject: CRACKS IDENTIFIED IN CONTROL ROD DRIVE RETURN NOZZLE

General Electric, performing in-service inspection, has apprised the licensee on April 27, 1977, that CRD return nozzle UT indications have been evaluated as being cracks. These indications are in the longitudinal section of the nozzle bore. This nozzle contained a thermal sleeve.

Following the completion of feedwater nozzle crack repairs (reference PNO-77-53) currently in progress, repairs will be initiated on the CRD return nozzle. The additional crack indications and slow progress on the feedwater nozzles are, according to the licensee, expected to delay the outage by at least one month. This delay is considered by IE to be optimistic.

Media interest is not expected at this time. The State of New York has been informed. A press release is not planned by the licensee. Upon further information, a press release by NRC:I will be considered.

NRC Region I, (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence from a Region I Inspector onsite on April 27, 1977, at 8:30 a.m. on April 28, 1977.

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