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Date: 25 June 1984

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-84-54

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 No. 50-289

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

Subject: STEAM GENERATOR TUBE LEAKAGE

On June 23, 1984 with the primary system at 300 psig, the licensee identified boron in the secondary side of the B Once Through Steam Generator (OTSG). The primary system was depressurized and drained in order to perform a leak test on the B OTSG. The leak test was performed on June 25, 1984 by draining the primary side to several inches of water above the tube sheet then pressurizing the secondary side to 140 psig with nitrogen and visually observing bubbles at the tube sheet. Six tubes showing indication of leakage were identified. One of these tubes had been previously plugged with mechanical plugs. The leakage was not quantified and was not confined to a specific area of the tube sheet.

The licensee plans to perform additional testing of both the A and B OTSG's.

The licensee will make a press release when sufficient information is available.

Region I will continue to follow the licensee's actions.

A ASLB hearing on the previously completed OTSG tube repair is presently scheduled for July 16, 1984.

NRC Resident Office received notification of the tube leakage identification at 11:30 a.m. on June 25, 1984. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

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