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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 12, 1977

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-77-142

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: Pilgrim Unit No. 1
Boston Edison Company (DN 50-293)

Subject: WALKOUT OF UNION CONTRACTOR LABORERS

Due to an apparent internal labor dispute between contractor laborers and carpenters, approximately 100 laborers have walked off the site. Some minor vandalism occurred involving slashed tires in the parking lot at the site. Some workers claimed they had radiation sickness but now claim that they are just ill. An NRC:Region I health physics inspector, conducting a routine inspection, reviewed exposure records and identified no overexposures. The inspector also reviewed the possibility that thermoluminescent dosimeter (TLD) readings of radiation exposure had been lower than actual exposure. He found TLD reading errors to be unsubstantiated as a basis for radiation sickness claims.

Media interest is not expected. The State of Massachusetts has been informed. A press release is not planned by the licensee or NRC.

NRC, Region I, (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 4:40 p.m. August 11, 1977 and information is current to 9:00 a.m., August 12, 1977.

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