

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-1-87-63A

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
IMI-2
Middletown, Pennsylvania
D/N 50-320

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

Subject: ALLEGATIONS OF SLEEPING ON SHIFT (UPDATE)

On July 10, 1987, NRC Region I dispatched a special inspection team to TMI-2 to review licensee efforts related to allegations that a shift supervisor had been sleeping on watch. The following information has been determined:

- The first allegation of sleeping on watch by a specific shift supervisor was received by a licensee manager in December, 1986. Subsequently, four allegations concerning the same shift supervisor were received by licensee management in April, June, and July, 1987. The NRC received the allegation on July 9, 1987. The allegations have not been conclusively proven to date.
- A makeshift bed was found in the Turbine Building by a licensee manager on July 7, 1987. At least 15 other makeshift beds/reading/eating areas have been found on subsequent management tours.
- Three contract employees were terminated for sleeping on-site over the past few months. Two other contract employees were terminated for sleeping on-site since March, 1986.
- Two non-licensed GPUN employees have been disciplined for sleeping on duty since April, 1985.
- GPUN has hired Mr. Edward Stier, a New Jersey Attorney, to investigate the sleeping allegations and IMI-2 managements' handling of their own internal review of this matter.
- The shift supervisor in question has been removed from shift responsibilities pending the outcome of the Stier investigation.

Random off shift inspection at both IMI-1 and IMI-2 over the weekend identified no evidence of operators inattentive to their duties. A closed meeting with the licensee is scheduled today at 2:00 p.m. to further review this matter.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

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