

Date: May 23, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-88-55

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:	Licensee Emergency Classification:
GPU Nuclear Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Middletown, PA 17057	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
DN 50-320	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Subject: WORKER FALLS INTO TMI-2 REACTOR VESSEL

At approximately 1:10 p.m. on May 23, 1988 an individual working on the defueling platform slipped and fell part way into the reactor vessel. The individual worker was installing equipment in the reactor vessel in preparation for re-installation of the plasma arc cutting assembly. The worker had temporarily unhooked himself from a sling to accomplish the work. He broke his fall by grabbing the defueling platform. The worker's legs, up to his knees, were wet and contaminated. His protective clothing included double protective clothing, wetsuit and respiratory protection. He was taken from the reactor building to a decontamination area.

Preliminary licensee dose estimates indicate that the worker is expected to receive about 200 millirad skin dose to the legs. The licensee is performing a detailed dose estimate and bioassay for the worker. Initial decontamination has been performed reducing the skin contamination to about 500 cpm. The worker received only minor bruises and did not require any medical treatment. The licensee conducted a critique on the event and is assessing the need for any procedural or work practice changes. The resident inspectors are following licensee actions.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

The licensee plans to issue a press release. The NRC will respond to press inquiries.

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