PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-88-84A

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 2
Docket Numbers 50-320

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

SUBJECT: TMI-2 ALTERCATION INVOLVING A LICENSED OPERATOR (UPDATE)

On August 29, 1988, the licensee informed the resident inspectors of the results of drug testing on the licensee's reactor operator involved in the altercation described in PNO-I-38-84. Positive results were obtained for both alcohol and drugs. The individual's blood alcohol content was greater than 0.1 percent and a positive indication for a controlled substance was also obtained. As a result of the test results, the licensee terminated the employee today. The resident inspectors are closely following the licensee's actions.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

The NRC will respond to press inquiries.

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