

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

December 8, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-80-53

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events 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 NRC staff on this date.

Facility: Metropolitan Edison Company  
Three Mile Island, Units 1 & 2  
Middletown, Pennsylvania  
Docket Numbers 50-289 & 50-320

Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES (GPU) FILES CLAIM AGAINST NRC

Today GPU issued a press release stating that a claim of \$4 billion was filed against the NRC. The filing charges the NRC with negligent performance and omissions of its operational functions; negligent failure to comply with its own regulations; negligent failure to give warning based on the (Toledo Edison) Davis-Besse incident that occurred in September 1977; negligent implementation of review and approval requirements; and negligent review and approval of Babcock & Wilcox Co. topical reports and generic designs.

The claim is based on estimated cost of the TMI-2 cleanup; recovery of replacement power costs for both TMI-1 and 2; estimated cost of TMI-2 restoration; cost of lost revenues; and increased cost of borrowing.

Region I is responding to media interest because of licensee issuance of a press release. The NRC has no plans to issue a press release at this time. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

The NRC TMI Program Office received notification of this occurrence by telephone at approximately 9:00 a.m. from the licensee public affairs office, and this information was current as of 12:00 p.m.

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