NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-82-16A

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 NRC staff on this date.

Facility: GPU Nuclear Corporation

Three Mile Island, Unit 2

Licensee Emergency Classification: X Not Applicable

Docket Number 50-320

Subject: VIDEO INSPECTION OF TMI-2 REACTOR CORE (UPDATE)

Preparations are in progress for insertion of a closed circuit television (CCTV) camera into the reactor vessel head through a control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) housing. Venting of the Reactor Coolant System (RCS) hot leg piping through the RCS high point vents, venting of the pressurizer through the pressurizer high point vent, and placing a nitrogen blanket on the hot legs was completed on July 14, 1982.

Future activities associated with the evolution consist of: (1) Venting of a selected control rod drive mechanism through which the camera is to be inserted, and start of the partial drain down process of the RCS, scheduled for today, (2) Uncoupling and removal of the CRDM leadscrew, scheduled for July 19, 1982, (3) Insertion of the CCTV camera into the reactor vessel head through the CRDM (leadscrew) opening, scheduled for July 21, 1982.

Media interest will occur because the licensee plans to issue a press release. The NRC does not plan to issue a press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was informed.

The TMI Program Office staff plans to continue monitoring events as they occur.

The NRC TMI Program Office received notification of this occurrence through continuous monitoring of licensee activities. This information was current as of 8:00 AM today.

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