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NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-83-03

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, Units 1 and 2
Docket Numbers 50-289 and 50-320

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 X Not Applicable

Subject: PROTEST AT THE TMI NORTH AND SOUTH GATES

At approximately 10:00 AM, on May 18, 1983, seven demonstrators at the TMI Nuclear Power Station North Gate and three demonstrators at the TMI South Gate positioned themselves with a long banner at each gates to block access to the Island. They are apparently protesting issues related to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on the psychological stress. The licensee has closed both accesses to the site. The licensee is seeking a court injunction against the demonstrators. In addition, GPUN has asked for assistance from Pennsylvania State Police to remove the protesters from company property. Pennsylvania State Police arrived at 10:30 AM and at 11:30 AM began to make arrests.

Media interest has occurred and local TV station crews are present at both gates. The licensee is in the process of issuing a press release at this time. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was informed.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and the NRC plans to continue monitoring events as they occur.

The NRC TMI Program Office received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 10:10 AM on May 18, 1983, and this information was current as of 11:45 AM.

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