

April 26, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-01-014

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 III staff on this date.

**Facility**

D. C. Cook, Units 1 and 2  
American Electric Power Co.  
Buchanan, Michigan  
Docket: 50-315; 50-316  
License: DPR-58; DPR-74

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

☐ Notification of Unusual Event  
☐ Alert  
☐ Site Area Emergency  
☐ General Emergency  
☒ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: FOURTEEN PEOPLE ARRESTED DURING DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE PLANT

DESCRIPTION:

Fourteen people were arrested for trespassing during an anti-nuclear demonstration April 26, 2001, at the D.C. Cook plant. The demonstration, involving about 70 people, took place at the entrance to the owner-controlled portion of the site. A mock radioactive-waste shipping container dubbed the "Mobile Chernobyl" also was at the demonstration. Plant activities were not affected by the demonstration.

Procedures for the demonstration were coordinated in advance by the demonstrators, the utility, the Berrien County Sheriff's Department, and state police. There was no violence associated with the demonstration. Those individuals who were arrested were transported from the site by officers with the sheriff's department. Sheriff's officers carried some of the individuals who were arrested to law enforcement vehicles.

There was news media coverage in advance of and during the protest. During the two-hour demonstration, media coverage included a satellite truck and a helicopter from two South Bend, Indiana, television stations. Reporters and photographers from area local daily newspapers, and one weekly newspaper also covered the demonstration.

The State of Michigan will be informed. The information contained in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with utility management.

Region III (Chicago) was informed of the arrests at 1:00(CDT) on April 26, 2001. This information is current as of 3 p.m. CDT on April 26, 2001.

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