

Date: February 7, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN1-9311

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:

Three Mile Island, Unit 1  
GPU Nuclear Corporation  
100 Interpace Parkway  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

## Licensee Emergency Classification:

\_\_\_\_ Notification of Unusual Event  
\_\_\_\_ Alert  
  X   Site Area Emergency  
\_\_\_\_ General Emergency  
\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable

Docket No.: 50-289

License No.: DPR-50

Event No.: 25035

Event Location Code: POW

Subject: INTRUSION INTO PLANT'S PROTECTED AREA

Shortly before 7:00 a.m. on February 7, 1993, and during a shift change, an unauthorized vehicle was driven through the owner controlled area check point, over the access bridge, and onto the island on which the plant is located. The vehicle proceeded to crash through a closed vehicle gate (which forms a portion of the plant's protected area boundary) and into a metal roll-up door on the north side of the Unit 1 turbine building. The licensee declared a Site Area Emergency at 7:05 a.m. and notified all appropriate federal, state and local authorities. The State Police and a U.S. Army explosives ordinance team responded to the site, as well as an agent from the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania FBI office.

Observation of the interior of the vehicle, a 1984, Plymouth Station Wagon, was obscured somewhat by the metal building door, making it difficult to determine if the driver (and possibly others) were still inside. It subsequently was established that the vehicle was empty except for a package in the rear. The package later was determined to contain clothing, but, at first, was treated as a potential explosive. Through a trace of the vehicle's registration, the driver of the vehicle was preliminarily identified as a former mental patient. This was later confirmed.

The licensee implemented precautionary measures to secure the plant's vital areas and began a systematic search of the plant for unauthorized personnel and materials, with the assistance of State Police personnel.

At about 11:00 a.m., the suspect was apprehended in the turbine building, under the main condenser. When he was found, he appeared confused, dazed and disoriented. The results of his initial questioning indicated he had acted alone, did not possess any explosives or other hazardous materials, and did not damage or manipulate any plant equipment or controls. Searches of the plant and its environs confirmed his assertions.

The licensee terminated the Site Area Emergency at 4:35 p.m. No plant safety equipment was damaged during the event and the plant remained in operation at 100% power. No motive, other than the perpetrator's mental state, has been established for the intrusion. He is currently in the custody of the Pennsylvania State Police, under various state charges, including risking a catastrophe and trespassing.

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The NRC entered the Standby response mode at 7:25 a.m. The NRC's Senior Resident Inspector and other Region I personnel responded to the plant and remain there to review and gather information pertaining to the event. The licensee activated its News Center and issued several press releases. There is extensive media coverage and Region I is responding to media inquiries.

This PN is for information only and is current as of noon, February 8, 1993.

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