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The Three Mile Island Accident

Long ago, in 1979, in a place called Pennsylvania, there was a big machine called a nuclear power plant. This power plant was on Three Mile Island. It used special energy to make electricity for houses and buildings. But one day, something went wrong.

On March 28, early in the morning, some of the machines inside the power plant stopped working correctly. This caused a problem, and the inside of the power plant got very hot. People were worried because if it got too hot, it could be very dangerous.

Many people who lived close to Three Mile Island were scared. They didn't know if it was safe to stay in their homes. Some families decided to leave their houses and go to safer places.

Luckily, many smart workers and experts came to help. They worked day and night to fix the problem. After a few days, they made the power plant safe again.

Even though it was a big scare, no one got hurt, and nothing really bad happened outside of the power plant. After this accident, people decided to make power plants even safer. They learned from the mistake and wanted to make sure it never happened again.

Questions

1. Where is Three Mile Island located?

2. What did the power plant on Three Mile Island make?

3. What happened inside the power plant in 1979?

4. Were people near Three Mile Island scared during the accident?

5. Did anyone get hurt in the accident?