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NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-82-19

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
Docket Number 50-320

Licensee Emergency Classification:
X Not Applicable

Subject: SHIPMENT OF EPICOR II PREFILTER (PF-3) WASTE VESSEL FROM TMI-2

On August 17, 1982, the first of 49 EPICOR II Prefilters (PF-3) was shipped from TMI to the Battelle Columbus Laboratories (BCL) in West Jefferson, Ohio. This 50 cubic foot ion exchange vessel, which was used to process accident generated water from the Unit 2 Auxiliary Building in 1979, contained approximately 1,800 curies of radioactive material and was shipped in a special type B cask (designed to withstand transportation accidents). The Department of Energy (DOE) took possession of this waste material at TMI and will conduct research and development at BCL. The NRC inspected the waste shipping package to ensure conformance with applicable regulations. The waste shipment is scheduled to arrive at BCL by August 18, 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.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and no further action by the NRC is anticipated.

The NRC TMI Program Office received notification of this occurrence through continuous monitoring of licensee activities. This information was current as of 3:30 PM today.

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