

September 22, 1981

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-31-19

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: Metropolitan Edison Company  
Three Mile Island, Unit 2  
Docket No. 50-320

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
X Not applicable

Subject: REACTOR BUILDING BASEMENT/SUMP WATER TRANSFERS

At 4:20 p.m. the licensee started to transfer reactor building (RB) sump/basement water to the Submerged Demineralizer System (SDS) Feed Tanks using a surface suction pump in the RB and the pre-filter and post-filter in the SDS pool (Spent Fuel Pool "B"). This is the first time RB sump/basement water (other than water samples) is to be transferred outside the RB since the March 28, 1979 accident. Approximately 15,000 gallons of the 700,000 gallons of water will be transferred and this represents a continuation of the preoperational testing of the SDS. Previous testing phases included the use of demineralized water and Reactor Coolant Bleed Tank water (approximately 1 uCi/ml).

Media interest will occur because of this significant event and licensee plans to conduct a press briefing subsequent to the transfer. The NRC does not plan to issue 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 Manager, Plant Operations (TMI-2) at 4:21 PM today and this information was current as of 4:30 PM.

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