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**IMMEDIATE
PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION**

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-67-AW

This preliminary notification provides updated information of safety or public interest significance.

FACILITY: Three Mile Island, Unit 2
Middletown, Pennsylvania (OH 50-320)

SUBJECT: UPDATED STATUS REPORT

Operational:

1. Average coolant temperature is 165 degrees F. The highest incore thermocouple temperature indication is 270 degrees F. Core flow is being provided by natural circulation. Core cooling is being maintained by steaming the "A" Steam Generator to the main condenser on the bypass valve. Primary pressure is about 275 psi.
2. Daily measurements of reactor building water level still indicate 7.0 ± 0.2 feet above floor level.
3. Functional testing of the Pressure/Volume Control system has begun and will continue throughout the week.

Environmental Status:

Environmental radiation levels remain consistent with natural background levels. Airborne releases remain well below Technical Specification limits. From July 2 - July 8, 1979, 23 air samples, 2 milk samples, 4 vegetation samples and 2 soil samples were collected by the NRC. All analytical results were less than MDA. EPA air, water, and milk samples collected during the week (up to July 4) showed no detectable activity from TMI.

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