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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 8, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-319

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Metropolitan Edison Company
Three Mile Island, Unit 2
Middletown, Pennsylvania
(Docket No. 50-320)

Subject: SHIPMENT OF COMPACTED LOW SPECIFIC ACTIVITY (LSA) TRASH FROM
TMI UNIT 2

On August 7, 1979, 157 55-gallon drums of LSA compacted trash from TMI Unit 2 was shipped via Tri-State Motor Carrier to the Nuclear Engineer Company's (NECO) Hanford, Washington burial facility. IE inspectors surveyed the shipment prior to departure. The shipment contains a total activity of about 3.5 Curies. This is the first waste shipment from Unit 2 since the March 28, 1979 accident.

Media interest is expected because of public sensitivity to the Three Mile Island activities. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. A press release is planned by the licensee.

NRC, Region I, (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence by a telephone call from the IE Resident Office Staff at TMI at 1:00 p.m. on August 6, 1979.

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