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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 13, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PRO-TMI-79-04

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

Facility: Metropolitan Edison Company
Three Mile Island, Unit 2
Pottsville, Pennsylvania
Ticket Number 63-123

VIDEO TAPE SURVEILLANCE OF CONTAINMENT BUILDING

On November 10, 1979, limited video surveillance of the inside of the Unit 2 Containment Building was conducted by means of a television camera inserted through a three-inch diameter hole previously cut on November 6, 1979, in a spare building penetration. In addition, a radiation probe was inserted to ascertain radiation levels inside the building. This was the first video surveillance of the inside of the building since the March 28, 1979, accident.

Visual review of the videotape showed no visible structural damage. The highest gamma radiation levels were measured at approximately 3-5 rads per hour and the highest beta radiation levels were measured at approximately 400 rads per hour. A review of tape is continuing.

All staff personnel were present during these events. There was no release of radiation to the air or ground.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

No official press release is planned. MEO does not plan to issue a press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was notified.

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