

March 26, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE - PNO-141- 80-18

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 NRC staff on this date.

Facility: Metropolitan Edison Company
 Three Mile Island, Unit 2
 Middletown, Pennsylvania
 Docket Number 50-320

Subject: PERIODIC AIR MONITOR ALARMS IN THE AUXILIARY BUILDING

On March 25, 1980, at 4:00 P.M. one local air monitor alarmed in the Auxiliary Building (305 ft elevation). Analyses of the sampler filters indicated 1×10^{-9} uCi/cc airborne particulate. Additional samples were taken and subsequent analyses indicated 5×10^{-10} uCi/cc

Between 6:00 P.M. on March 25, 1980, and 8:00 A.M. on March 26, 1980, local air samplers alarmed on two occasions with various area analysis results of 1.7×10^{-10} to 1.3×10^{-9} uCi/cc. The highest value was near the area of the B makeup pump cubicle. No filter downstream monitor indicated an effluent release.

These events are under review by the licensee and are being monitored by the NRC staff.

Media interest is expected because offsite notifications were made. A press release is not planned by the licensee. NRC onsite staff is responding to inquiries. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was informed.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and the information is current as of 10:30 A.M.

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