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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

April 18, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL CONCURRENCE--PNO-IMJ 80-24

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: GASEOUS RELEASE FROM EPICOR II

At approximately 6:00-7:00 p.m., on April 17, 1980, a minor gaseous release occurred from the EPICOR II through its ventilation system due to a transfer between EPICOR II storage tanks. The actual release rate (approximately 14 uCi/sec) was .0003 of the permissible instantaneous release rate for gross gaseous activity (excluding halogens and particulates) per Environmental Technical Specification based on Kr-85. The duration of the event caused approximately .1 curies of Kr-85 to be released. This type of "puff" occurred in the past few weeks due to direct processing of reactor coolant bleed tanks through EPICOR II. Additional releases are anticipated.

Media interest has occurred because the licensee made notifications to offsite agencies. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. A press release is not planned by the NRC.

The NRC TMI Program Office staff was notified at approximately 7:00 p.m., on April 17, 1980, by the licensee.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and the information is current as of 1:00 p.m., April 18, 1980.

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