

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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May 23, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OF UNUSUAL CONCURRENCE--PNO-1M1-80-31

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 50-370

Subject: FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY

During a review of records on the attempted containment entry on May 20, 1980, the licensee determined that containment integrity was not maintained for a period of 2-5 minutes contrary to Technical Specification (TS) 3.6.1.1. During the equalization of air pressure between the reactor building and the airlock via the inner door valve, a purge valve on the outer (atmospheric) door was left open permitting flow from atmosphere into the reactor building via the airlock. The two procedures used for the entry did not close the outer door purge valve at the proper sequence prior to inner door pressure equalization. There was no detectable release of radioactivity from this event.

Media interest is expected. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. A press release is not planned by the licensee or the NRC.

The NRC IMI Program Office staff was notified at 7:30 a.m., on May 23, 1980, by the Technical Specification Compliance Supervisor. The TMI Program Office considers this reportable per 10 CFR 50.72.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and the information is current as of 10:00 a.m.

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