

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

October 16, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-80-47

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: THIRD ENTRY INTO THE UNIT 2 REACTOR BUILDING

The third entry into the Unit 2 reactor building was completed at 11:54 a.m. on October 16, 1980. The entry team of 3 health physics technicians and 2 maintenance men remained in the reactor building for up to 87 minutes. The maximum exposure, based on dosimeter readings, was less than 500 mr.

The maintenance personnel were successful in removing the preamplifiers for an inoperable source range neutron monitor and a noise monitor. The differential pressure interlocks on the equipment hatch personnel airlock were reset. The health physics technicians performed radiological surveys and photographed the 305' and 347' elevations.

The next reactor building entry is tentatively scheduled for November.

Media interest has occurred because of licensee issuance of a press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. The NRC has not made plans to issue a press release at this time.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and no further action by the NRC is anticipated.

The NRC TMI Program Office received notification of this occurrence by monitoring events as they occurred and this information was current as of 1:00 P.M., today.

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