

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

October 20, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-80-48

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, Units 1 & 2
Middletown, Pennsylvania
Docket Numbers 50-289 & 50-320

Subject: EXPECTED DEMONSTRATION OFFSITE

The licensee reported that two groups asked permission to use the TMI Observation Center grounds for a demonstration at approximately 12:00 noon, October 21, 1980. The groups mentioned were "TMI Alert" and "AIM" (American Indian Movement).

The AIM group is part of a caravan of vehicles traveling cross country with a destination for Washington, D.C.. An estimate of 150 people is expected.

The licensee has denied the use of the observation center grounds for the demonstration and has notified local law enforcement authorities.

Media interest is expected because of public sensitivity to TMI related events. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. Neither the NRC or the licensee have made plans to issue a press release.

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 telephone from the licensee's public affairs office at 3:00 p.m. today, and this information was current as of 3:30 p.m..

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