

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 7, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-30-50

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: FIRE AT THREE MILE ISLAND

On November 6, 1980, at approximately 8:10 p.m., the licensee identified that a fire existed in one of the site trailers ("Iron Worker's Trailer") on the Unit 2 side of the island. This trailer is located outside the protected area but inside the owner controlled fences and approximately 20 yards east of the onsite NRC complex.

The licensee's duty fire brigade was able to extinguish the fire by 8:22 p.m.. A local fire company responded to the event. The duty onsite NRC inspector reported that it was apparent smoke could be seen from off site. The trailer in which the fire broke out sustained heavy smoke and water damage, however the structure remained intact. The onsite NRC complex was not affected other than a momentary loss of electrical power.

Media interest has been expected because of licensee notification to local officials and licensee plans to issue a press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. The NRC has not 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 monitoring events as they occurred, and this information was current as of 8:00 a.m., today. A 10 CFR 50.72 report (unusual event) was properly made by the licensee at 9:20 p.m., November 6, 1980.

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