

November 13, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-80-51

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: FOURTH ENTRY INTO THE UNIT 2 REACTOR BUILDING

The fourth entry into the Unit 2 reactor building was completed at approximately 2:00 p.m., today. Three separate entries were made by a total of 12 men. Based on preliminary indicators (dosimeters), no entry team member exceeded 500 mr total body exposure. The maximum stay time inside the reactor building for any individual was 90 minutes.

The entry tasks included motion picture filming of the 305' and 347' elevations. Still photographs of the steam generators and the pressurizer were made. Several decontamination techniques were tried on test areas on the 305' elevation floor.

The Unit 2 Director and a member of the onsite NRC staff were part of the entry team. The motion picture film, from inside the reactor building, will be made available to the news media. The licensee has scheduled a news conference for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 1980.

Media interest has occurred because of a pre-entry news release by the licensee. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. The NRC does not have 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 the events as they occurred and this information was current as of 4:00 p.m., today.

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