

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-81-11

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: EPICOR-II RESIN LINER SHIPMENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) shipped an EPICOR-II resin liner (PF-16) from the site to Battelle Columbus Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio, at approximately 7:10 a.m., today. The EPICOR-II system was used to process approximately 500,000 gallons of contaminated water in the Auxiliary Building as a result of the March 28, 1979, accident.

The resins and liner will undergo extensive testing and research to provide additional information on the handling, storage, processing, and disposal of this kind of radioactive waste.

Media interest is expected because of public sensitivity to TMI related events and the licensee/DOE issuance of a joint press release. The NRC does not plan to issue a press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

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.

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