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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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June 10, 1980

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 IE staff on this date.

FACILITY: Nuclear Engineering Company (NECO)
Richland, Washington Burial Site
State of Washington and NRC Licensee

SUBJECT: BANNING OF METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, THREE MILE ISLAND #2,
MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA (NRC LICENSEE) FOR RADIOACTIVE WASTE SHIPMENTS

The Region V office was notified by the NRC inspector onsite that a shipment of 128 drums of low-level radioactive waste was received on June 10, 1980 from the Metropolitan Edison Company, Three Mile Island #2 Power Station in Middletown, Pennsylvania. Upon examination of the shipment by State and NRC inspectors, it was determined that one drum had a broken locking ring and four drums had loose locking rings. A contamination check indicated no significant radioactive contamination. Based upon the identified items of noncompliance, the State of Washington has cancelled the burial permit and banned Metropolitan Edison Company from use of the burial site until further notice. The locking rings were fixed and the five drums have been placed into the disposal trench. The NRC Region V office notified the NRC Resident Inspectors at the Met-Ed Three Mile Island Station at 2:20 PM, (PDT) on June 10, 1980.

There has been no media interest.

The Region V office was notified by the NRC inspector onsite at 1:40 PM on June 10, 1980.

This item is submitted for information only and is closed for reporting purposes.

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