

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

FACILITY: U. S. Ecology, Inc.
 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

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 ___ Notification of Unusual Event
 ___ Alert
 ___ Site Area Emergency
 ___ General Emergency
X Not Applicable

The Region V office was notified by the State inspector on site that a shipment of compacted low-level waste was received on May 3, 1982 from the Three Mile Island #2 Power Station in Middletown, Pennsylvania. The shipment consisted of 68 55-gallon drums and 6 large wooden boxes, all containing LSA material. Upon examination on May 5, 1982 by the State inspector, it was observed that one 55-gallon drum had a broken locking ring bolt and the lid to the drum had been forced off. A contamination check indicated no loose radioactive contamination. Based upon the identified item of noncompliance with the Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, the State of Washington banned Three Mile Island #2 Power Station from use of the burial site and suspended their burial permit effective 12:00 (noon) May 5, 1982. The drum will be placed in an overpack and placed in the burial trench for disposal. The NRC Region V office notified the NRC Resident Inspectors at the MET-ED Three Mile Island Station at 1:22 P.M. (PDT) on May 5, 1982.

There has been no media interest.

The Region V office was notified of the action taken by the State of Washington Resident Inspector at 12:48 P.M. on May 5, 1982.

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

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