

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 13, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-79-04

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

Facility: Metropolitan Edison Company  
Three Mile Island, Unit 2  
Piquette, Pennsylvania  
Pocket Number 10-329

Subject: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF CONFINEMENT BUILDING

On November 10, 1979, limited video surveillance of the inside of the Unit 2 Confinement Building was conducted by means of a television camera inserted through a three-inch diameter hole previously cut on November 6, 1979, in a spare building penetration. In addition, a radiation probe was inserted to ascertain radiation levels inside the building. This was the first video surveillance of the inside of the Confinement since the March 20, 1979, accident.

Visual review of the video tape showed no visible structural damage. The highest gamma radiation levels were measured at approximately 3-5 rads per hour and the highest beta radiation levels were measured at approximately 400 rems per hour. Review of tape is continuing.

IE staff personnel were present during these events. There was no release of radiation to the environment.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

IE did not issue a press release. IFC does not plan to issue a press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was notified.

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