



50-289

Metropolitan Edison Company
Post Office Box 542
Reading Pennsylvania 19640
215 929-3601

Writer's Direct Dial Number 921-6566

March 15, 1979
GQL 0378

Mr. Frederick Marrocco
Regional Sanitary Engineer
Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources
407 S. Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Marrocco:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station (TMI)
NPDES Permit No. 0099201
Noncompliance Notification No. 79-01

In accordance with Condition II.A.2 of the above re. nced permit,
enclosed please find Noncompliance Notification No. 79-01.

Should you require any additional information please contact Mr. Eric S.
Nielsen, of my staff.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By
G. J. TROFFER
G. J. Troffer
Manager-Generation
Quality Assurance

GJT:ESN:mrn

Enclosure: Noncompliance Notification No. 79-01

cc: Mr. B. H. Grier, Director
Office of Inspection & Enforcement
Region 1
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

COO3
S/1

7903270406

10-039

Metropolitan Edison Company
Three Mile Island Nuclear Station
Noncompliance Notification 79-01

I. Description of Noncompliance

On March 7, 1979, a sample was taken from the Industrial Waste Filter System (IWFS) discharge (NPDES Discharge 104) which yielded an oil and grease concentration of 153 mg/l. This result exceeded the permit limitation of 20 mg/l. It is estimated that approximately 5,000 gallons of this water was discharged.

II. Corrective/Preventive Actions

It is believed that this noncompliance was caused by the inadvertent transfer of oil and grease from the Industrial Waste Treatment System (IWTS) to the IWFS.

Sludge from the IWTS sludge froth tank is regularly drained to the IWFS for additional treatment. In this instance, the operator mistakenly left the sludge froth tank drain valves open, thereby, allowing the oil and grease, which accumulates on top of the sludge, to be drained to the IWFS.

The IWTS/IWFS supervisors will re-emphasize the proper use of the sludge froth tank drain valves to the operators. As a further corrective action, we are planning to install drain valves which will automatically shut off.

III. Previous Noncompliances of the Present Type

None

IV. Environmental Impact

Due to the relatively small amount of flow, the total amount of oil and grease released is not believed to have created a significant adverse impact.