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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 13, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-332

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.

Facilities: Three Mile Island, Unit 2
Middletown, Pennsylvania
Docket No. 50320
and
Nuclear Engineering Company
Richland, Washington
License No. 131004201

Subject: ARRIVAL AND OFFLOADING AT NECO OF COMPACTED LOW
SPECIFIC ACTIVITY (LSA) TRASH FROM TMI UNIT 2

On August 10, 1979 at 8:30 p.m., a shipment of 157, 55-gallon drums of LSA compacted trash from TMI Unit 2 arrived at the Nuclear Engineering Company's (NECO) Hanford, Washington burial facility. This was the first shipment of such waste from Unit 2 since the March 28, 1979 accident. A Region V NRC inspector was onsite when the shipment arrived. Drivers reported no problems were encountered with the shipment during transit. Radiation measurements on the exclusive use were well within DOT limits.

The shipment was offloaded without incident on August 11, 1979 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All of the barrels were in good condition, and no noncompliance was observed.

There was extensive media coverage.

Mr. David Jenkins, Special Assistant and Spokesman from Governor Ray's Office and other State of Washington representatives were present onsite on August 11, 1979.

NRC Region V received notification of this occurrence by telephone calls from the onsite inspector at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on August 11, 1979.

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