

June 25, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-TMI-81-12

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Facility: Metropolitan Edison Company
Three Mile Island, Unit 2
Middletown, Pennsylvania
Docket Number 50-320

Subject: POSTPONEMENT OF POLAR CRANE INSPECTION DURING REACTOR BUILDING ENTRY

On June 25, 1981, onsite NRC staff observed a planned entry (No. 12) into the Unit 2 reactor building. Several tasks were planned to be performed during the entry, including:

- Closed circuit TV maintenance
- Installation of lights in enclosed stairwell, 347' elevation
- Gai-Tronics (in place communications) maintenance
- Radiation survey of elevations 305' and 347' and loose sample removal
- Polar crane inspection and survey



All tasks were successfully completed with the exception of the polar crane inspection and survey.

The inspection and survey of the polar crane was planned to commence early during the day. However, delays were encountered involving the closure and opening of the outer airlock door. The door locking mechanism was repaired later in the day, but at that time the Reactor Building Command Center personnel decided to postpone the polar crane task due to the unforeseen delays.

The polar crane inspection and survey is now planned to be performed on Thursday, July 2, 1981. The onsite NRC staff will monitor that entry.

The media has been contacted on the airlock door difficulty and the licensee plans to issue a press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed. The NRC does not plan to issue a press release at this time.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and was current as of 4:00 p.m. today.

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