

INTRODUCTION

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The Three Mile Island Unit 2 (TMI-2) topical meeting, coming almost 10 years after the accident, presented a definitive summary of all aspects of the 1979 accident. This special volume of *Nuclear Technology* documents in an archival journal the contents of the 138 papers presented at the meeting, which was held in Washington, D.C., from October 30 to November 4, 1988.

The volume consists of four issues, each devoted to one of the specialized areas of technology covered during the meeting: Materials Behavior, Health Physics and Environmental Releases, Remote Technology and Engineering, and Decontamination and Waste Management. In addition, transcripts of the opening plenary session, which set the stage for the 17 technical sessions, are included in this issue; an edited transcript of the closing plenary session panel discussion, *Enhanced Reactor Safety: Lessons Learned from TMI-2*, will appear in the fourth issue.

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