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NRC MONITORING “ALERT” AT INDIAN POINT 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is monitoring closely activities at the Indian Point 2 nuclear power plant in Buchanan, N.Y., following the declaration of an “Alert” at the plant at 7:29 p.m. (2/15/00). The plant is operated by Consolidated Edison Company of New York.

Operators manually shut down the reactor and declared an “Alert” following indications of a steam generator tube leak.

An “Alert” is the second lowest emergency action level in the NRC required emergency response plan for nuclear power plants. Operators have stabilized the plant and are in control of all systems. Following procedures, operators successfully isolated the affected steam generator. Radiological monitoring by the company to this point indicates there have been no measurable releases of radioactivity from the plant.

In response to the “Alert,” the NRC has staffed its incident response center in the Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa., and is following developments from its operations center in Rockville, Md.. The NRC Resident Inspectors have responded to the plant, where they are monitoring Consolidated Edison’s response to this event.

Indian Point 3, which is operated by the New York Power Authority, is not affected.

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