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NRC TO MEET WITH PUBLIC MARCH 14 TO DISCUSS IP2 STEAM GENERATOR TUBE FAILURE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will meet with the public on Tuesday evening, March 14, to discuss the steam generator tube failure at Indian Point 2 on February 15. The plant, operated by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, is located in Buchanan, N.Y.

The meeting will be held at the New York State Armory, 955 Washington Street, in Peekskill, N.Y. It begins at 7:00 p.m. The NRC staff will begin the meeting with a short presentation and then respond to questions from the audience.

Consolidated Edison workers manually shut down the plant at 7:29 p.m. on February 15 following indications of a steam generator tube failure in one of the plant's four steam generators. The steam generators are components that transfer heat from the reactor systems to the power-generating portion of a nuclear power plant. Plant safety systems performed as designed during the shutdown.

In response, the NRC sent an Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) to the site to look into the event and its causes. Once the AIT has finished evaluating the data it has collected, a separate meeting with Consolidated Edison will be held to discuss the team's findings. That meeting will be open to the public for observation.

The cause and nature of the steam generator tube failure is the subject of a separate NRC review. That work is on-going.

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