

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-01-001

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region I staff on this date.

**Facility**

Consolidated Edison Company of New York  
Indian Point 2 Station  
Broadway and Bleakley Avenue  
Buchanan, NY 10511

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

Notification of Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 Not Applicable

Docket No.: 050-247

License No.: DPR-26

SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT UNIT 2 - REACTOR STARTUP

The Indian Point 2 reactor was taken critical at 3:50 a.m. on December 30, 2000. Consolidated Edison plans to conduct additional tests and inspections during power ascension.

The plant startup followed a 10-month outage in which Consolidated Edison conducted refueling and replaced the four steam generators. The plant was shut down and an Alert was declared on February 15, 2000, due to a tube failure in the #24 steam generator.

Prior to startup the staff issued a letter to Consolidated Edison, dated December 22, 2000, providing preliminary results of inspections and assessments as the plant neared restart. Additionally, the NRC staff notified external stakeholders (e.g., State of New York, FEMA, Local and Federal Officials) regarding the current plant status.

NRC has monitored preparations for restart and observed the approach to criticality using resident and region-based inspectors, including augmented on-shift coverage. NRC inspectors continue to follow plant testing and power-ascension activities.

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