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See what you think about this.

I'll be in NY tomorrow night through Sunday afternoon when I'll be in Reading.

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Summary of the Indian Point Unit 2 Special Team Inspection of the February 15, 2000, Steam Generator Tube Failure Event

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Between early March and last week the NRC conducted a special inspection to review the cause for the February 15, 2000, steam generator tube failure at Con Edison's Indian Point 2 reactor facility. In the letter issued today the NRC provides its preliminary findings.

The team preliminarily concluded that Con Edison's technical direction and execution of the 1997 steam generator inspection program was deficient in several respects. As a result, Con Edison did not recognize and take appropriate corrective actions for significant conditions adverse to quality that increased the likelihood of tube degradation and the likelihood of not identifying detectable flaws. Failure to identify one of these detectable flaws led to the tube failure. Overall, Con Edison did not implement a steam generator inspection program that met the NRC's overall quality assurance program expectations in 1997.

At the July 20 exit meeting, Con Edison generally disagreed with the team's conclusions stating that the program had met all requirements in 1997. Many of these issues had been discussed during the inspection, but they will be considered as part of the inspection report finalization process.

The actual event did not impact the public health and safety (i.e., the specific safety consequence were minimal). However, in accordance with the RROP significance determination process, the NRC continues to review the potential increase in the risk of core damage and a significant radioactive material release given a steam generator tube failure.

The NRC will finalize its findings and the potential risk significance for such a steam generator tube failure in inspection report 2000-010 which should be issued within several weeks.