

EDO Highlight Input for 3/2/2000

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Indian Point Unit 2

On February 25, 2000, Congresswoman Sue Kelly toured the Indian Point 2 plant, including containment, with Michael Evans (Pres, Con Ed), Hubert Miller (RA, Region I), and local officials from the towns of Buchanan and Cortlandt and others.

Con Ed has located the failed tube in Steam Generator #24 (row 2, column 5) at the top section of the U-bend. The tube failure is a longitudinally oriented crack that has been boroscopically examined and video-tape records of the examination are being reviewed for further characterization.

On February 29, 2000, Hubert Miller met in New York City at Senator Schumer's Office with his State Director, Michael Lynch, an Administrative Assistant from Senator Moynihan's Washington Staff (Katie Bicknell) the Westchester County Executive (Andrew Spano), the Putnam County Executive (Robert Bondi), the Rockland County Deputy Chief of Staff (John Dillon, Esq) and the Orange County Administrative Officer (Chris Dunleavy). Mr. Miller provided the meeting attendees with an overview of the February 15, 2000 Indian Point Unit 2 event; a description and explanation of reactor plant and secondary plant design and operation; information on steam generator leakage known to the NRC prior to the event; and NRC limits on tube leakage. The meeting attendees had many questions on Con Ed steam generator status; communications on radiological releases; County presence in the plant on a continuing basis; notifications and offsite response; and concerns about potential license transfer to another owner. The attendees seemed to find the information provided by the NRC to be helpful and expressed appreciation for the meeting at the end.

On March 1, 2000, the NRC (Brian Sheron et al from NRR, and Randy Blough et al from Region I) held a public evening meeting with Con Ed (John Groth, et al) to discuss matters related to steam generator inspection and testing; nuclear industry standards for steam generators; onsite replacement of steam generators; and post inspection findings and restart criterion. Con Ed discussed their actions to characterize the defect in the tube that failed, the past steam generator tube examinations, and the status of the examinations currently in progress on all four generators. Con Ed plans to present their conclusions on the root cause for this failure and the corrective actions to prevent recurrence in a future meeting with the NRC staff.

An opportunity was provided following the meeting for the public to ask questions. The NRC staff responded to questions on a variety of topics including the status of the steam generators and plans to replace them, industry standards for operation with tube leakage, the tube examination program, the NRC's basis for granting an extension to complete the 1999 examinations, and the NRC's plans for future public meetings to address questions on the broader topic surrounding the February 15 tube leak and its consequences. There was extensive media coverage of the meeting.

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