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## **NRC, ENTERGY TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE ISSUES AT INDIAN POINT 2**

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., on Thursday, May 30, to discuss performance improvement efforts at the Indian Point 2 nuclear power plant. Entergy operates the facility, which is located in Buchanan, N.Y.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. at the Verplanck Fire House, at Broadway and 8<sup>th</sup> Street (approximately 200 yards west of Broadway) in Verplanck, N.Y. The session will be open to the public for observation and the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of NRC staff before its conclusion.

The specific topic to be discussed will be Entergy's "Fundamentals" Improvement Plan for the plant, which covers such areas as equipment reliability, design and configuration control, human performance, and problem identification and resolution.

Indian Point 2 is currently designated by the NRC as a plant with "multiple degraded cornerstones." (Cornerstones are measures of performance.) This designation is associated principally with underlying performance issues revealed during an August 1999 reactor trip with electrical distribution system complications and a February 2000 steam generator tube failure event. As a consequence of that designation, Indian Point 2 is the subject of additional NRC scrutiny.

A team of NRC inspectors will visit the plant in late June and early July to assess progress being made by Entergy in addressing performance issues.

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