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Indian Point Energy Center

Daily Status Report

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December 19 , 2005

Operational Status

Indian Point Unit 2 is operating at 100% and has been online 380 days.

Indian Point Unit 3 is operating at 100% reactor power and has been on-line for 76 days.

Indian Point Unit 2 Fuel Pool Investigation Status

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Additional monitoring wells have been drilled in the transformer yard to develop a more comprehensive picture of underground water movement and help identify the source of the tritium. Results from these three wells showed elevated levels of tritium, as anticipated. The tritium levels are about one-half to one-sixth the amount in samples taken from the nearby monitoring well (MW-111) in the transformer yard that were reported last month, but are above the EPA drinking water standard.

A storm drain also located in the transformer yard, in vicinity of monitoring well MW-111, has had sample results with elevated tritium, which we expect results from interaction with the same groundwater as the monitoring well.

Indian Point technicians today report test results of samples taken on Dec. 16 from nine storm drains, including those in the transformer yard. Tritium was seen in all the manholes, but in small amounts and all were less than (within) the EPA drinking water standard.

The storm drains remove surface water on the site to the plant's discharge canal and then to the river, which is a monitored release path. The amount of tritium released through the storm drains is extremely small (.004%) compared to amounts released routinely, and well within federal safety limits.

This information has been provided to the NRC and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Entergy Adds New Feature to Website

Entergy has added an e-mail update feature to its safesecurevital website. You can sign up for updates on a variety of topics including siren tests, security upgrades and environmental issues.

To receive these updates go to <http://www.safesecurevital.org/> www.safesecurevital.org and provide an email address.

Updated Dry Cask Storage Fact Sheets Available

Entergy has produced an updated informational brochure, available in electronic and hardcopy format that explains the details of dry cask storage. Contact Andrea Blizard at 914-271-7081 or by return email at <mailto:kmcmull@entergy.com> kmcmull@entergy.com for a copy.

Entergy Nuclear Northeast provides customized outreach education programs for schools, youth groups, and civic organizations. The topics we cover include Emergency Planning, Understanding Radiation, Nuclear Fuel and a general overview of the operations of Indian Point Energy Center. If you would like a brochure or are interested in scheduling a program, contact IPEC Communications at 914-271-7441.

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