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Indian Point Energy Center

Status Report

March 2, 2006

Operational Status-IP2 Returns to Service

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Yesterday's shutdown occurred when a carpenter unintentionally bumped a switch, cutting off electrical power to 12 control rods which inserted into the reactor as designed. The reactor has 53 control rods in total that are held in place electromagnetically above the reactor. Operators inserted the remaining control rods to shut down the plant in accordance with procedures.

There was no release of radioactivity or damage to equipment.

Indian Point Unit 3 is operating at 100% reactor power and has been on-line for 149 days.

Latest Sample Results from Monitoring Wells

Test results from a number of sample locations in the IP2 transformer yard and southern perimeter of the site near IP3 have been obtained.

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Samples results are summarized in the attached table.

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To preview the web site follow the link to Indian Point
<<http://jic.semo.state.ny.us/PlantStatus/PlantStatusMain.aspx>> Status Page

Educational Outreach

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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