

Date: June 29, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-81-71

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
 Indian Point Unit 2 (DN 50-247)
 Buchanan, New York

Subject: OVERFLOW OF RESIN CASK

The licensee reported that, at about 2:30 a.m., on June 28, 1981, during a dewatering operation on a resin cask mounted on a trailer within the protected area, the cask overflowed spilling a resin/water mixture. The licensee was using an air operated pump to reduce the water level in the cask by pumping the water to the Waste Holdup Tank. No level change was noted while the pump was operating and, upon investigation, the licensee found the cask overflowing. The pump was secured and the overflow ceased. The apparent cause of this event was the reversal of the suction and discharge hoses on the pump connections. Preliminary estimates indicate a spill of 45 gallons, consisting mostly of water which wetted the cask, the trailer and surrounding asphalt with some local soil contamination and about 2 gallons collecting in a dry storm drain recess. It is believed that no discharge through the drain to the river occurred. Samples of sludge in the drain recess indicate 70 mr/hr.

The licensee is continuing the cleanup and is reviewing applicable procedures. The Senior Resident Inspector is monitoring the licensee's efforts. Media interest is expected due to the sensitivity of nuclear power plant issues at this site.

The State of New York has been informed. The licensee issued a press release on June 28, 1981. The NRC will not issue a press release but will respond to media inquiries.

NRC, Region I (Philadelphia) received initial notification of this event via the Headquarters Duty Officer at about 4:00 a.m., June 28, 1981. Further information was supplied by the Senior Resident Inspector on June 29, 1981.

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