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Consolidated Edison Press Release (Expected to be released within the next half hour.

Con Edison reported today (Friday, November 5, 1971) that fire of undetermined origin last night caused some damage in a separate building housing auxiliary equipment for the Company's Indian Point 2 nuclear generating ~~plant~~ plant now under construction in Buchanan, New York.

The fire started about 7:00 p. m. and was put out by 9:30 p. m. It occurred in a construction tool shed inside a steel frame structure 300 feet to the rear of the building housing Indian Point 2's 873,000 kw turbine generator and did not involve any radioactive release.

Con Ed# stressed there is a distance of 150 feet between the steel frame structure and the unit's containment building where the reactor is located. The damaged structure, which is about 25 feet high, houses electric circuitry, piping and motor controls for auxiliary pumps.

repairs
Con Ed said ~~XXXXXX~~ may take several months and every effort will be made to complete them during the time when licensing and testing procedures required to make the plant ready for operation are underway. The Company is trying to have Indian Point 2 on the line for the summer 1972 peak electric demand period.

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