

CO Inquiry Report No. 50-247/72-11

Licensee: Consolidated Edison Company

Buchanan, New York

Facility: Indian Point 2 - PWR

License No.: DPR-26

Docket No.: 50-247

Title: Operator Error - Primary System Pressure Surge

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4/7/72
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A. Date and Manner AEC was Informed:

On April 6, 1972, a telephone call was received from Mr. J. Makepeace, Startup Manager at IP-2, informing CO:I that a primary system pressure of 680 psig was encountered at about 5:20 A.M. on April 16, 1972 when the system temperature was at 170° F.

B. Description of Particular Event or Circumstances:

The primary system was at 170° F and 420 psig; the four primary system pumps were in service and the residual heat removal (RHR) pumps were in service. To facilitate heatup to 220° F the RHR pumps were shutdown. The operating staff recognized the potential for an increased system pressure; therefore, the operator was instructed to place the letdown control in the "manual position" and to open the valve. Instead, the operator closed the letdown valve and the primary system pressure increased to about 680 psig. The pressure increase was terminated by opening the letdown valve.

C. Action by Licensee:

The licensee reports no apparent damage to system or components. The licensee will submit a 10 day report to DRL on this matter.

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