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Subject: RE: IP transformer oil volume figures

This is what our public affairs officer was provided by a reporter. I think the reporter will print the story tomorrow.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is investigating a spill of dielectric fluid, also known as transformer oil, which resulted from the explosion of a transformer at Indian Point Energy Center at approximately 6:39 pm on Sunday, November 7, 2010.

The transformer contained up to 20,000 gallons of petroleum-based dielectric fluid which does not contain polychlorinated bi-phenyls (PCBs). Entergy has provided daily reports to DEC through November 21st on the progress of the clean up. Entergy's Preliminary reports to DEC suggest that as many as 14,000 gallons of dielectric fluid may have been released to the environment (air and water) from the transformer as a result of the explosion.

Subsequent to the November 7, 2010 explosion, an undetermined amount of dielectric fluid escaped the on-site containment systems and entered the nearby cooling water discharge canal and was subsequently released into the Hudson River, where it was observed floating on the water both to the North and South of the Indian Point facility by Entergy and DEC personnel.

At this time, DEC Region 3 enforcement personnel are continuing to investigate the cause and extent of the release to the environment of transformer oil.

DEC Region 3 has contacted Entergy to meet and discuss the incident as part of the investigation, and will consider what further enforcement actions may be warranted for violations of Environmental Conservation Law and regulation.

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Hi Doug,

I just spoke with Tim Rice at DEC. He had not heard the 14,000 gallon figure previously. Tim will check into this and get back to both of us. It's unlikely he will have anything for us before Monday.

Out of curiosity, did that 14,000 gallon figure come in via paper or email? If so, could you send it to us so we can see the source?

Have a good weekend!

Alyse