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NRC, ENTERGY TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE ISSUES AT INDIAN POINT 2

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Nuclear Operations on Thursday, December 20, to discuss performance improvement efforts at the Indian Point 2 nuclear power plant. Entergy operates the facility, which is located in Westchester County, N.Y.

The Regulatory Performance Meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Verplanck Firehouse, at Broadway and 8th Street in Verplanck, N.Y. The session will be open to the public for observation, with NRC staff available afterwards to answer questions from interested members of the public.

Specific areas of performance to be discussed will be equipment reliability, design and configuration control, human performance, and problem identification and resolution.

Indian Point 2 is currently designated by the NRC as a plant with "multiple degraded cornerstones." (Cornerstones are measures of performance.) This designation is associated principally with performance problems identified during an August 1999 reactor trip with electrical distribution system complications and a February 2000 steam generator tube failure event. As a consequence of that designation, Indian Point 2 is subject to additional NRC scrutiny.

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