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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 Wednesday, February 27, 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 meeting is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the NRC Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa. The session will be open to the public for observation, with NRC staff available afterwards to answer questions from interested members of the public.

The specific topic to be discussed will be Entergy's "Fundamentals" Improvement Plan for the plant, including the facility's engineering performance indicators.

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 underlying performance issues revealed 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 the subject of additional NRC scrutiny.

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