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Indian Point's Transformer Explosion and Fire

Update
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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I joined an Entergy Conference call at 11 A.M. this morning, our DES Director, Jeff Coleman, was with me for the call, as well. This is what we learned from the Entergy officials:

1. The explosion followed by a fire began at 5:50 P.M. on Saturday, May 9th, 2015.
2. The sirens were not activated due to it not being a nuclear event. It was a transformer incident and did not affect the two operating nuclear plants or the generators.
3. There are eight transformers located at Indian Point (4 large and 4 small transformers).
4. This transformer that had the explosion and fire was installed in 2007. It's a Westinghouse transformer. The life of a transformer is usually 40 years.
5. The transformers are periodically inspected according to the Entergy representatives.
6. Indian Point #3 is still temporarily offline for preventative reasons.
7. The NYS DEC, NRC, Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), Coastguard and elected officials in the area were all notified by Entergy soon after this incident including the Cortlandt Town Supervisor and Mayor of the Village of Buchanan.
8. Firefighter staff and other employees of Entergy immediately were at the site of the explosion and fought it with water and foam. Other local fire districts assisted and Entergy thanked them on the conference call.
9. The residual oil, foam and water from this event first went into a storm drain and then into their moat. 1,500 gallons of oil have currently been collected. The clean ups will continue by Entergy and others in the process.

10. The NYS DEC, who I spoke with yesterday, as well, is at the site evaluating the situation.
11. Protective booms have been put in place to protect the Hudson River. The Coastguard is assisting Entergy and the DEC.
12. A HOTLINE # has been set up by the NYS DEC to call in any information regarding the oil spill related to the Hudson River and the coastline. (Phone # 1-800- 457-7362)
13. The Town of Cortlandt will be inspecting our town owned property along the shoreline and will report any spillage to the DEC.

Thank you,

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