

## Con Edison To Hold Full-Volume Siren Test At Indian Point

March 2, 2000

Con Edison will conduct a three-minute, full-volume test of the emergency alert and notification sirens located within the 10-mile emergency planning zone surrounding the Indian Point Station in Buchanan, N.Y. The test will be conducted on **Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. THIS IS ONLY A TEST.** 

In accordance with guidelines established by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), this test is part of the scheduled testing procedure of the plant's alert notification system. (This test is not in response to any recent events at the Indian Point generating station.) FEMA guidelines require annual alert testing, however Con Edison performs alert tests twice a year.

A total of 154 sirens in the four surrounding counties will be tested; 77 in Westchester; 51 in Rockland; 16 in Orange; and 10 in Putnam.

In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens would sound for three minutes, alerting individuals within the 10-mile radius surrounding the plant to tune to Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages broadcast on local radio or television stations for timely and accurate information and instructions.

EAS radio stations and television channels are listed in the Planning for Emergencies booklet, which is mailed annually to households located within 10 miles of the power plant. The sirens are tested quarterly.