

## **Notifying the Public**

If there is a potential for or an actual release of radiological materials to the environment, your county executive—in partnership with New York State officials and other county executives—might sound emergency sirens. These special sirens are located throughout the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) around Indian Point. If the sirens sound, you would hear a continuous, high-pitched, loud wavering sound for four minutes. The siren system is an indicator that prompts the public within the EPZ to turn on a radio or television and tune to the designated Emergency Alert System (EAS) station available. State and local officials use the EAS to inform the public about what protective actions, if any, to take. Emergency sirens would be sounded only for the more serious incidents.

### Electronic Sirens

The existing siren system, which includes 156 sirens placed throughout the EPZ, is currently undergoing an upgrade that is expected to be complete by January 30, 2007. The upgrade promises:

- 150 high power electronic sirens incorporating enhanced technology;
- Full EPZ sound coverage;
- Back up power;
- Advanced multi-path activation and diagnosis;
- Distributed activation and monitoring control system; and
- Limited to 10 mile EPZ and only for Indian Point events.

### NYS All Hazards Web Portal for Public Information

NY State's internet website is a key component in the ongoing public information system promoting preparedness and public safety for the residents in the 10-mile emergency planning zone surrounding the Indian Point nuclear power generating site in Buchanan, Westchester County. Partners in this educational effort are the counties of Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester, New York, and the plant's licensee, Entergy Northeast.

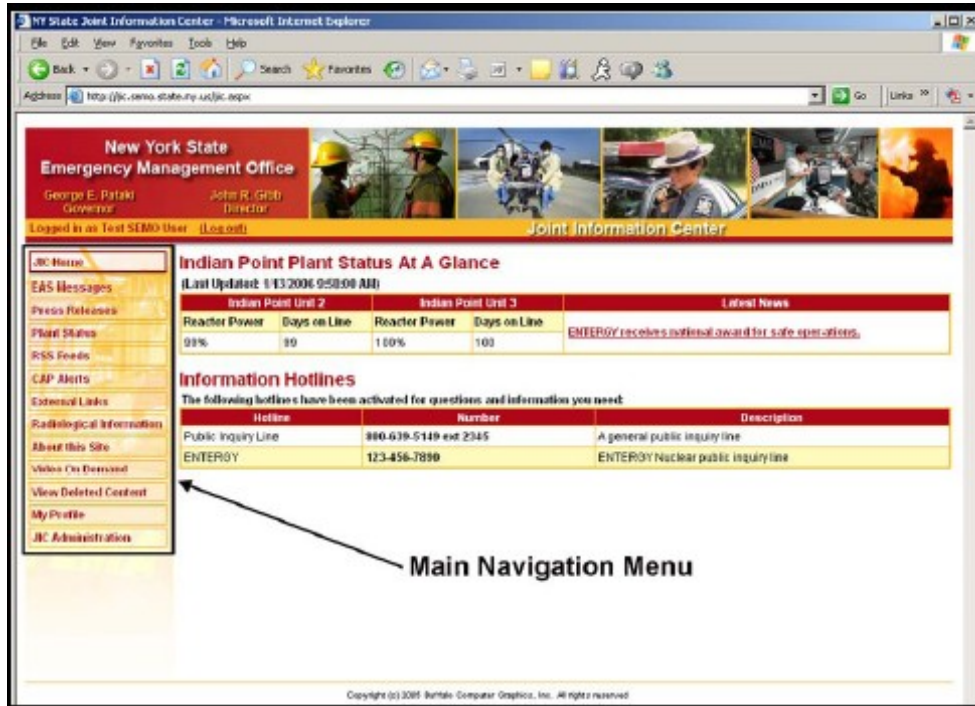
Additionally, this site provides the public with information on plant conditions and the planning efforts to protect public health and safety. Should an emergency occur at Indian Point, this site will provide the public and the media with official information on the response activities being taken by the governmental agencies and the licensee.

The Joint Information Center (JIC) web portal is available to the media and general public, and can be used to provide up-to-the-minute information on the crisis at hand. A web browser (such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer) is required to access the portal. The portal has also been designed in accordance with the web development specification for Americans with Disabilities.

The JIC can be accessed by typing the following URL into a web browser that is connected to the Internet:

<http://jic.semo.state.ny.us>

While the JIC provides both public and password protected areas, anyone accessing the JIC can do so via the link provided above. It is recommended that users bookmark this site in their browser or create a shortcut on their desktop this link for easy access in an emergency.



Once at the site, a user can access a module or page by simply moving their mouse cursor over the desired item in the navigation bar and left clicking the item. The appropriate module or page will appear in the main content windows to the right of the navigation menu bar.

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