

Leaked contaminated water pools grow

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New York's Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant is leaking radioactive water into the ground, it was reported Monday.

Contaminated water under the plant, 24 miles upstream from New York City on the Hudson River, has grown to approximately the size of the Central Park Reservoir, the New York Daily News said Monday.

Don Mayer, special projects director for Entergy, which runs the plant, said the underground area has contaminated water between 50 feet and 60 feet deep, the Daily News said. Another area is about 30 feet wide by 350 feet long.

Mayer said the area is leaking primarily strontium-90 and tritium, both carcinogenic, the Daily News said, but Entergy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission both said drinking supplies tested two miles from the plant were found contaminant free.

Mayer said cleanup of the leaks is scheduled to begin at the end of the month, the Daily News said.

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