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MEDIA ADVISORY

Due to a fire last night at the Reliant Energy Astoria Generating Station in Queens, and because today's forecast is calling for more hot and humid weather, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Con Edison are urging residents and businesses to reduce power usage citywide, particularly in northern Queens.

Customers are asked to turn off all non-essential electrical appliances and electronic equipment during this heat wave to help reduce the likelihood of any other power reductions or power outages. OEM also asks New Yorkers to follow these other tips to minimize energy consumption:

- Do not leave air conditioners on when you leave your house
- Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Set your air conditioner thermostat at no less than 78 degrees
- Only use appliances that have heavy electrical loads early in the morning or very late at night

For more advice on energy conservation, log on to www.nyc.gov/oem. Con Edison also offers conservation tips at their website, www.coned.com.

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