

January 6, 2000

Mr. A. Alan Blind  
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Consolidated Edison Company of  
New York, Inc.  
Indian Point 2 Station  
Broadway and Bleakley Avenue  
Buchanan, NY 10511

SUBJECT: RESCHEDULING OF NRC INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Blind:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our decision to reschedule an NRC inspection to be performed per procedure 40500, "Effectiveness of Licensee Process to Identify, Resolve & Prevent Problems."

In our April 9, 1999, Plant Performance Review letter we scheduled this inspection to occur in January 2000. In August 1999 the plant experienced a complicated reactor trip. Following the shutdown, you performed extensive recovery efforts and developed plans to improve station performance. A number of significant NRC inspections were performed to review your efforts. On December 28, 1999, you requested that the 40500 inspection be rescheduled to allow further progress in improving your corrective action process. After considering the basis for your request, the conclusions from the NRC's augmented inspection team review and recent inspection results, we believe we have obtained a good understanding of the corrective action program (CAP) weaknesses and other station performance issues to support a delay in performing the inspection at this time. In addition, we are also delaying our review of your longer-term recovery plan initiatives which was scheduled to be performed with this inspection.

We believe you are focused on improving station performance and pursuing improvement initiatives as outlined in the Indian Point 2 Recovery Plan (previously provided by ConEd on November 8, 1999). We will continue to monitor your progress through regional and resident inspections. We will notify you of our future inspection plans as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this inspection scheduling change, please contact Mr. John F. Rogge of my staff at (610) 337-5146.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

A. Randolph Blough, Director  
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