

March 22, 2000

The Honorable Nancy Calhoun
New York State Assembly
Room 318, Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Assemblywoman Calhoun:

I am responding to your letter of February 29, 2000, about the steam generator tube failure at the Indian Point 2 (IP2) nuclear plant on February 15, 2000. You requested a full review of the event to address public concerns that have been raised.

Shortly after the event, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sent a special regional inspection team, called an Augmented Inspection Team, or AIT, to IP2 to determine what happened prior to, during, and following the steam generator tube failure. We will provide you a copy of the AIT report as soon as it is completed. In addition, steam generator experts from our Headquarters office are conducting a review of the nature and cause of the tube failure itself. This effort will include a review of the results of the detailed examinations of the IP2 steam generators now being performed by Consolidated Edison Company of New York (ConEd) and an independent review of NRC's recent licensing actions related to the IP2 steam generators.

To help address the concerns of the local community, the NRC met several times with the public and public officials. NRC representatives have attended county legislative meetings in both Westchester and Rockland counties to answer questions about this event. The NRC met with ConEd, with public observation, on March 1, to discuss the inspection of the IP2 steam generators and responded to questions raised by the public. On March 14, we held a public meeting at the New York State Armory in Peekskill, New York, to provide preliminary information on this event and to answer questions. The AIT exit meeting on March 29, 2000, with ConEd will be open to public observation, and the report will be posted on the NRC website (www.nrc.gov).

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If you have any additional questions in this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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