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Re: Indian Point Unit No. 2  
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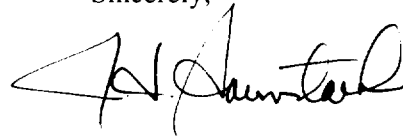
Reference: USNRC Letter to Mr. A. Alan Blind from Patrick D. Milano dated  
November 15, 2000

By the referenced letter, the NRC staff is currently reviewing a report prepared by the NRC's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) entitled, "NRC's Response to the February 15, 2000, Steam Generator Tube Rupture at Indian Point Unit 2 Power Plant," dated August 29, 2000. In order to complete this review the staff has determined that additional information would be required from Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison). Con Edison hereby provides the requested information within the attachment of this letter.

No new regulatory commitments are being made by Con Edison in this correspondence.

Should you or your staff have any concerns regarding this matter, please contact Mr. John McCann, Manager, Nuclear Safety & Licensing.

Sincerely,



Attachment

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ATTACHMENT TO NL-00-150

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
REGARDING CONCERNS IN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
REPORT DATED AUGUST 29, 2000 (TAC No. MA9903)

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.  
INDIAN POINT UNIT NO. 2  
DOCKET NO. 50-247  
DECEMBER 2000

Staff Request 1:

During the February 15, event, briefly describe the content of the information released to both local officials and the public including: (a) the actual time that each item was released and (b) the reason for releasing the item at that time.

Response:

The following table provides a summary of pertinent communications to local officials and the public, including a brief description of the content of the information released, the actual time of the activity, and the reason for releasing the information at the time.

News Media Related Activities

| Date/Time          | Activity  | Content of Information Released   | Reason for Releasing the Information   |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| 02/15/00 1929 hrs. | Alert Declared  | –   | –  |
| 1932               | Central Control Room (CCR) notifies Central Information Group (CIG)   | –   | –  |
| 1941               | CCR notifies Westchester County; Peekskill City; Rockland County; Orange County; Putnam County; NY State.   | Alert Declared.   | Required per the Indian Point 2 Emergency Plan.  |
| 2005               | CCR notified NRC Resident Inspector   | Alert Declared.   | Required per the Indian Point 2 Emergency Plan.  |
| 2022               | Con Edison Media Relations Representative received page   | –   | –  |
| 2027               | Con Edison Media Relations Representative contacts Media Relations Duty Officer and directs an "Alert" News Release be issued.  | –   | –  |
| 2130               | Con Edison Media Relations Representative contacts Westchester and Rockland County Public Information Officers. Unable to reach Putnam County PIO.                                  | Telephonic briefing of Alert and current plant status.  | Courtesy Call to local officials.  |
| 2135               | Con Edison Media Relations Representative arrives at EOF and is briefed on plant status; directs EOF personnel to check on status of News Release with Media Relations Duty Officer | –   | –  |
| 2202               | News Release #1 is approved and issued.   | * Alert declared at about 7:30 p.m. today due to a leak in one of four plant steam generators. Operators manually shut down the reactor and isolated the leak. NRC, NYS and local officials have been notified. | Per the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan, all News Releases are issued as events warrant. |
| 2205               | Con Edison Media Relations Representative contacts Peekskill Mayor via telephone while in route to JNC.   | Telephonic briefing of Alert and current plant status.  | Courtesy Call to local officials.  |
| 2208               | Con Edison Media Relations Representative contacts Buchanan Mayor via telephone while in route to JNC.  | Telephonic briefing of Alert and current plant status.  | Courtesy Call to local officials.  |

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| 2223                 | Con Edison Media Relations Representative arrives at JNC.  | -   | -   |
| 2230 – 2300 hrs      | Con Edison Media Relations Representative responds to phone calls from NY Times, NY Post, Associated Press and other wire services.  | Declaration of alert; plant status; notification of NRC, NYS and local officials. Answered various questions from media.  | The Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan requires JNC be the official source of information to the public. |
| 2300                 | Channel 7, local ABC affiliate news broadcast.   | Report concerns Alert at IP2 and leak in one of four steam generators.  | -   |
| 2300 to Close of JNC | Con Edison Media Relations Representatives responded to one-on-one requests for briefings from various news media including the major news services, wire services and local radio stations. | Information included the current emergency classification and plant status.   | As required by the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan, all News Briefings were conducted at the JNC.     |
| 2313                 | JNC is activated   | -   | -   |
| 2352                 | News Release #2 is approved and issued.  | * JNC has been activated to serve as the official source of information from NYS, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange counties and Con Edison about conditions at IP2. | Per the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan, all News Releases are issued as events warrant.              |
| 2355                 | Con Edison Press Briefing at JNC   | Current plant status.   | As required by the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan, all News Briefings were conducted at the JNC.     |
| 02/16/00 0027 hrs.   | Con Edison Press Briefing at JNC   | Plant status since last Press Briefing.   | As required by the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan, all News Briefings were conducted at the JNC.     |
| 0130                 | Con Edison Press Briefing at JNC   | Plant status since last Press Briefing.   | As required by the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan, all News Briefings were conducted at the JNC.     |
| 0545                 | Con Edison Press Briefing at JNC   | Plant status since last Press Briefing.   | As required by the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan, all News Briefings were conducted at the JNC.     |
| 1315                 | Con Edison Press Briefing at JNC   | Plant status since last Press Briefing.   | As required by the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan, all News Briefings were conducted at the JNC.     |

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| 1851 | News Release #3 issued | * Alert terminated 02/16/00 at 6:50 p.m. when the plant reached cold shut down condition. Momentary release of radiation in the steam turbine building and no measurable release detected within plant boundaries or surrounding communities. No danger to the health or safety of the public or to employees. | Per the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan all News Releases are issued as events warrant. |
| 2300 | News Release #4 issued | * Announces the JNC has been deactivated as of 11:00 p.m. on 2/16/00.  | Per the Indian Point 2 Media Relations Plan all News Releases are issued as events warrant. |

\* This information extracted from official Con Edison news release.

Staff Request 2:

Briefly discuss the specific procedure(s) for providing routine plant information to offsite officials. In light of the knowledge gained from the occurrence of the event, discuss whether any changes have been made or are planned to these procedures. If so, briefly describe the changes.

Response:

Providing routine plant information to offsite officials includes periodic Public Information Officer (PIO) meetings with state, county and municipal officials, as well as courtesy calls regarding key plant events. For example, a Con Edison spokesperson contacts offsite officials to inform them of key plant evolutions following a plant outage. Indian Point 2 senior managers periodically attend work sessions and planning meetings conducted by local offsite officials. Information regarding reportable events, or emergency classifications are released to offsite officials through Con Edison Corporate Media Relations, the Public Information Officer, or as applicable, through the Indian Point 2 Emergency Response Organization.

Since the February 15, 2000 event, management has increased its communications with offsite officials. For instance, shortly after the decision to remove the original steam generators, a plant vice president began a series of briefings with each of the local Town/Village Boards and Common Councils. As work on the steam generator replacement progressed, additional briefings were held. These meetings also provided an opportunity for Con Edison representatives to answer questions regarding the divestiture process as well as other Indian Point 2 issues. Additionally, the Emergency Response Organization conducts quarterly meetings with state and county Emergency Response officials. Finally, PIO meetings continue to be held bi-monthly with state, county and utility representatives in an on-going effort to inform offsite agencies on plant conditions and emergency preparedness.