

February 15, 2001

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SUBJECT: NRC REGULATORY INFORMATION CONFERENCE

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

I am very pleased that you will be participating in the NRC Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) 2001 session on steam generator issues (i.e., session TH2). Your unique perspective on this important topic will add substantial value to this session and the conference as a whole.

Our goal for the session on steam generator issues this year is to stimulate a forward-looking discussion regarding the NEI 97-06 Generic License Change Package and the industry actions to resolve lessons learned from Indian Point 2. You have indicated to us that you will prepare a presentation on the industry actions to resolve lessons learned from Indian Point 2. As you prepare your remarks for the session please keep this objective in mind and try to identify any specific direction that you feel is important or any significant obstacles of a technical or institutional nature that may be in the success path and strategies for dealing with those obstacles. We believe that the session will benefit greatly from the insights that you bring from your involvement in both topic areas.

In order for us to devote time to a panel discussion of our topics, we ask that you structure your presentation in a way that can be delivered in 20 minutes. An electronic copy of a sample cover view graph that shows the information that should be included on the cover view graph in your presentation has been forwarded to you under separate cover. The remainder of your view graphs may be put in any format you desire. We ask that you submit a draft version of your view graphs by February 9, 2001, via e-mail (lxl@nrc.gov) or facsimile (301-415-2444) to Louise Lund of the NRC staff. Final view graphs are due by February 15, 2001. In order to publish your view graphs at the NRC'S World Wide Web site at the close of the conference, you should submit your final view graphs in electronic form as well as hard copy form.

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If you have not already registered for the conference you should be sure to do so. The easiest way to register is via the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/RIC/RICREG/index.html>. You may also register by calling our contractor, IQ Solutions Inc. of Rockville MD., at 301-984-1471, Ext. 502.

I look forward to seeing you at RIC 2001.

Sincerely,

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