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## **COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence Response Sheet**

**Date:** July 3, 2000

Approved w/edits.

**To:** Chairman Meserve  
Commissioner Dicus ✓  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield

*Greta Joy Dicus*  
Greta Joy Dicus, 7/12/00

**From:** Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

**Subject:** Letter to Sandra Galef, New York State Assemblywoman,  
concerns request for replacement of the steam generators  
at Con Edison's Indian Point 2

**ACTION:** Please comment/concur and respond to the **Office of the Secretary** by:

**Time:** 3:00 P.M.  
**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** July 12, 2000

07/10/00

**Comment:**

**Contact:** Patrick Milano, EDO/NRR  
415-1457

Entered in STARS Tracking System ☒ Yes ☐ No

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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Sandra R. Galef  
New York State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building, Room 540  
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Ms. Galef:

I am replying to your letter of May 19, 2000, in which you ~~repeat your~~ request that the steam generators at the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 <sup>(IP2)</sup> be replaced. You based this request on the fact that prior repairs of the current steam generators did not prevent the tube failure from occurring.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission shares your concern about events at the plant and recognizes the importance of our continued close attention to ~~CorEd's~~ <sup>the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.</sup> corrective actions for performance problems. Regarding plant operation with the existing steam generators, the NRC is conducting a comprehensive review of ~~CorEd's~~ <sup>#</sup> proposal to allow plant startup and operation for a limited period of time. ~~CorEd~~ <sup>#</sup> must obtain NRC's approval before plant startup (in accordance with its operating license) <sup>for IP2</sup> to operate with the existing steam generators.

NRC ~~experts~~ <sup>staff</sup> from the ~~Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation~~ <sup>headquarters office</sup> and NRC Region ~~I~~ <sup>office</sup> have been fully involved with ~~CorEd's~~ <sup>#</sup> steam generator inspections since shortly after the February ~~15~~ <sup>15th</sup> 2000 event.

This involvement has included direct observation of steam generator inspections performed by ~~CorEd~~ <sup>#</sup>, and detailed review of inspection data and results as they relate to steam generator tube integrity. Additionally, the ~~staff's~~ <sup>NRC</sup> review will ~~include consideration of~~ <sup>specifically investigate</sup> the reasons that past inspections did not identify the defect that caused the February 15, 2000 event. NRC approval

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of continued operation of the plant with the existing steam generators will not occur unless we conclude that operation with these generators poses no undue risk to public health and safety.

*I understand*  
~~I am pleased to know~~ that you attended the public meeting on June 25, 2000, and stated your views on developments at the ~~Indian Point 2~~ <sup>IP2</sup> site. *Your views and concerns are appreciated and* I hope that the meeting served the purpose of explaining to the public the status of NRC's review of ~~Indian Point 2~~ <sup>IP2</sup> activities and issues, including steam generator integrity. *We will consider your comments and other* ~~I know we benefitted from receiving public comments~~ *conduct* ~~which we will consider~~ as we complete our reviews.

Thank you for your concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Meserve