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COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Response Sheet

Date: February 3, 2003

Approved, with edits.

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


Nils J. Diaz 02/43/03

From: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

Subject: Letter to Senator Clinton responds to request for review of recent draft report prepared by James Lee Witt Associates, LLC, regarding emergency preparedness at Indian Point and Millstone facilities

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

Time: NOON
Day: Friday
Date: February 7, 2003

Comment: RESPONSE REQUESTED NLT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003... REQUEST FOR EXTENSION UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 PENDING

Contact: Patricia Milligan, NRR/EDO
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Federal Emergency Management Agency. While the judgment as to the overall state of emergency planning and preparedness is for the NRC to reach, in keeping with the longstanding Memorandum of Understanding between FEMA and the NRC, it would not be appropriate for us to precede FEMA in assessing the draft report and its significance relative to offsite matters. Thus, while we have initiated a review of the draft report to understand its conclusions and their factual underpinnings, we are communicating with FEMA to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive evaluation within our well-established regulatory framework.

The NRC will work with FEMA and other Federal agencies, as well as Entergy, New York State, and County officials, in continuing efforts to ^{ensure adequate} strengthen emergency planning and preparedness. We understand from our discussions with FEMA that its assessment of the most recent offsite emergency planning exercise, which will give due consideration to input from the Governor, will be issued in the next several weeks. The NRC, in turn, intends to be ~~prepared to~~ promptly respond to matters warranting action.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Meserve