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Mr. Samuel Collins, Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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November 18, 2005

RE: Follow-up to Riverkeeper's official requests at 11-16-05 NRC meeting in Peekskill, NY

Dear Mr. Collins:

Riverkeeper formally requests that the following steps be taken to augment public participation at NRC meetings regarding Indian Point, based on our comments at the "Indian Point Siren System Backup and Reliability" meeting on 11-16-05 in Peekskill. We ask that:

1. A Category 3 Meeting as defined in [Federal Register: May 28, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 102)] [Page 36920-36924] be held at a public facility within the 10-mile EPZ of Indian Point to discuss the ongoing leak of radioactive liquids onsite at the Indian Point Energy Center.
2. Future NRC/Indian Point meetings be held at an accessible public facility, not a private restaurant adjacent to Indian Point, and in different locations within the 10-mile EPZ, such as White Plains, the county seat.
3. NRC sign-in sheets provide a place for home address and/or email address in order that attendees can be notified by the NRC of future public meetings.

I look forward to a prompt response from your office regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Rainwater van Suntum, PhD
Indian Point Campaign Director

Cc: Chairman Nils Diaz, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Eric Leeds, Special Projects Branch Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings; Policy Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Policy Statement.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising its public meeting policy to enhance public participation in NRC meetings. This policy brings consistency to NRC public meetings planned by headquarters and regional staff by introducing a categorization system whereby the public can anticipate the level of participation that will be provided for during an upcoming meeting. The NRC has identified three categories of public meetings it convenes and has described information availability and follow-up effort associated with each meeting category. Information such as agendas, background documents, and meeting summaries will be available in ADAMS and at NRC's web site for certain categories of meetings. The policy also provides guidance on teleconferencing, security, and other administrative issues related to NRC staff-sponsored public meetings. This revision is in response to suggestions made by the public at a meeting held in April, 2001, and to fulfill the NRC's strategic goal of increasing public confidence.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mindy Landau or Ramin Assa, Office of the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 415-8703 or (301) 415-8709 respectively.

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Commission Policy Statement on Staff Meetings Open to the Public

A. Purpose

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has had a formal policy regarding open meetings since 1978 which has been revised periodically, and most