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In the Matter of
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3)
Docket Nos. 50-247-LR/286-LR

Dear Administrative Judges:

On March 29, 2016, Counsel for Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. ("Entergy") transmitted a letter to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board"), providing a Board Notification regarding the results of its recent inspection of baffle-former assembly bolts located in the Indian Point Unit 2 ("IP2") reactor pressure vessel.

The NRC Staff ("Staff") wishes to inform the Board and parties that on March 29, 2016, the Staff distributed a written summary to the Commissioners' staff regarding this matter, in a memorandum entitled "Talking Points on Indian Point Unit 2 Reactor Internals Inspection/ March 29, 2016." Copies of that memorandum are being transmitted herewith to the Board and parties in this proceeding.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sherwin E. Turk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sherwin" and last name "Turk" clearly legible.

Sherwin E. Turk
Counsel for NRC Staff

Encl.: As stated
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**Talking Points on Indian Point Unit 2 Reactor Internals Inspection
March 29, 2016**

- Indian Point Unit 2 is in a refueling outage and has performed its reactor internals baffle-to-former plate bolt inspection as part of its license renewal commitment to MRP-227-A. In-situ visual and ultrasonic examinations show indications (213) or un-testable locations (14) in more than a quarter of the bolts (total 227 of 832).
- The licensee is working with Westinghouse to determine the path forward. Currently, there is no adverse safety impact observed from degradation of the baffle-to-former bolts. There was no indication of fuel clad damage and no indication of structural damage to the baffle and former plates at Unit 2.
- The licensee plans to perform similar baffle-to-former plate bolt inspections at Indian Point Unit 3 in March 2019. To date, the licensee has not observed any indications of degraded core performance or loose parts at Indian Point Unit 3 that might be associated with bolt failures.
- On the afternoon of March 29, the licensee is expected to issue:
 - A 50.72 report based on potential operation in an unanalyzed condition
 - A press release on the examination results and the predicted outage extension of approximately 2 months
 - Updated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) hearing docket filings in the license renewal proceeding
- The aging management plan for reactor vessel internals relates to a contested issue before the ASLB in the Indian Point license renewal proceeding.
- This communication will be forwarded to the ASLB and the parties in the Indian Point license renewal proceeding.

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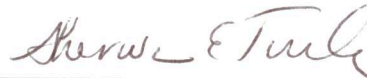
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.305 (as revised), I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing letter from Sherwin E. Turk to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, dated March 30, 2016, have been served upon the Electronic Information Exchange (the NRC's E-Filing System), in the above- captioned proceeding, this 30th day of March, 2016.



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