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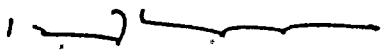
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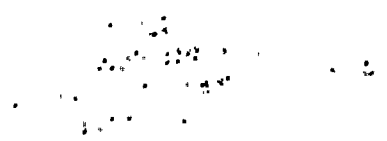
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Daniel Patrick Moynihan

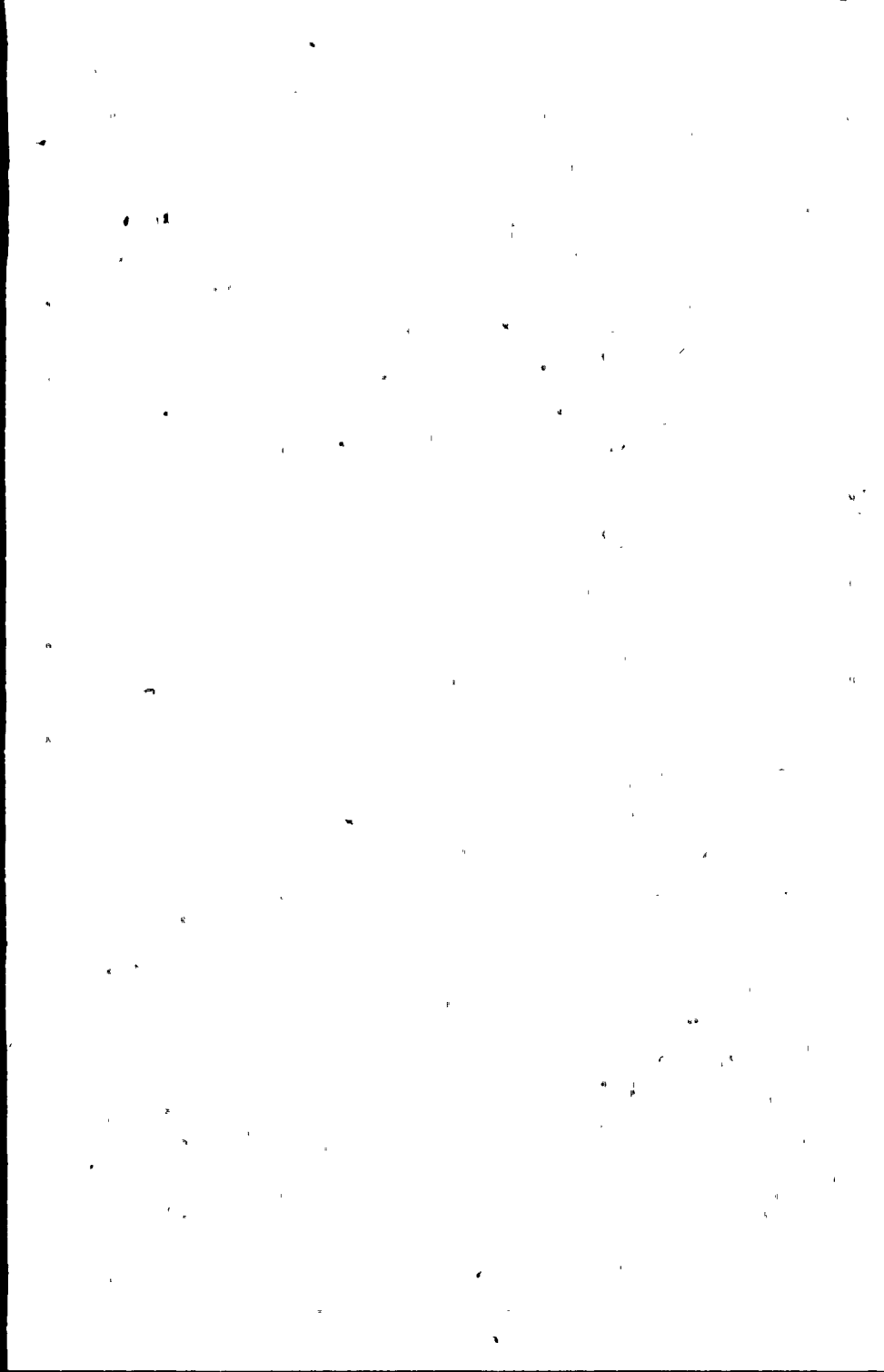
Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie  
Commissioner  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

cc: Jim LaRocca, Commissioner, State Energy Office  
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Robert Flacke, Commissioner, State Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
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☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Incoming: Senator Patrick Moynihan

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Chairman Hendrie Date 2/16/79Subject: Urges NRC to complete safety review of  
Ginna plant expeditiously in light of RARG report☐ Prepare reply for signature of:☐ Chairman☐ Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_☐ EDO, GC, CL, SOL, PA, SECY☐ Signature block omitted☐ \_\_\_\_\_☐ Return original of incoming with response☒ For direct reply\*Suspense: March 7☐ For appropriate action☐ For information☐ For recommendationRec'd Off. EDODate 3/9/79Time 12:30Remarks: Cpys to: RF, OCA to AcknowledgeFor the Commission: Combs

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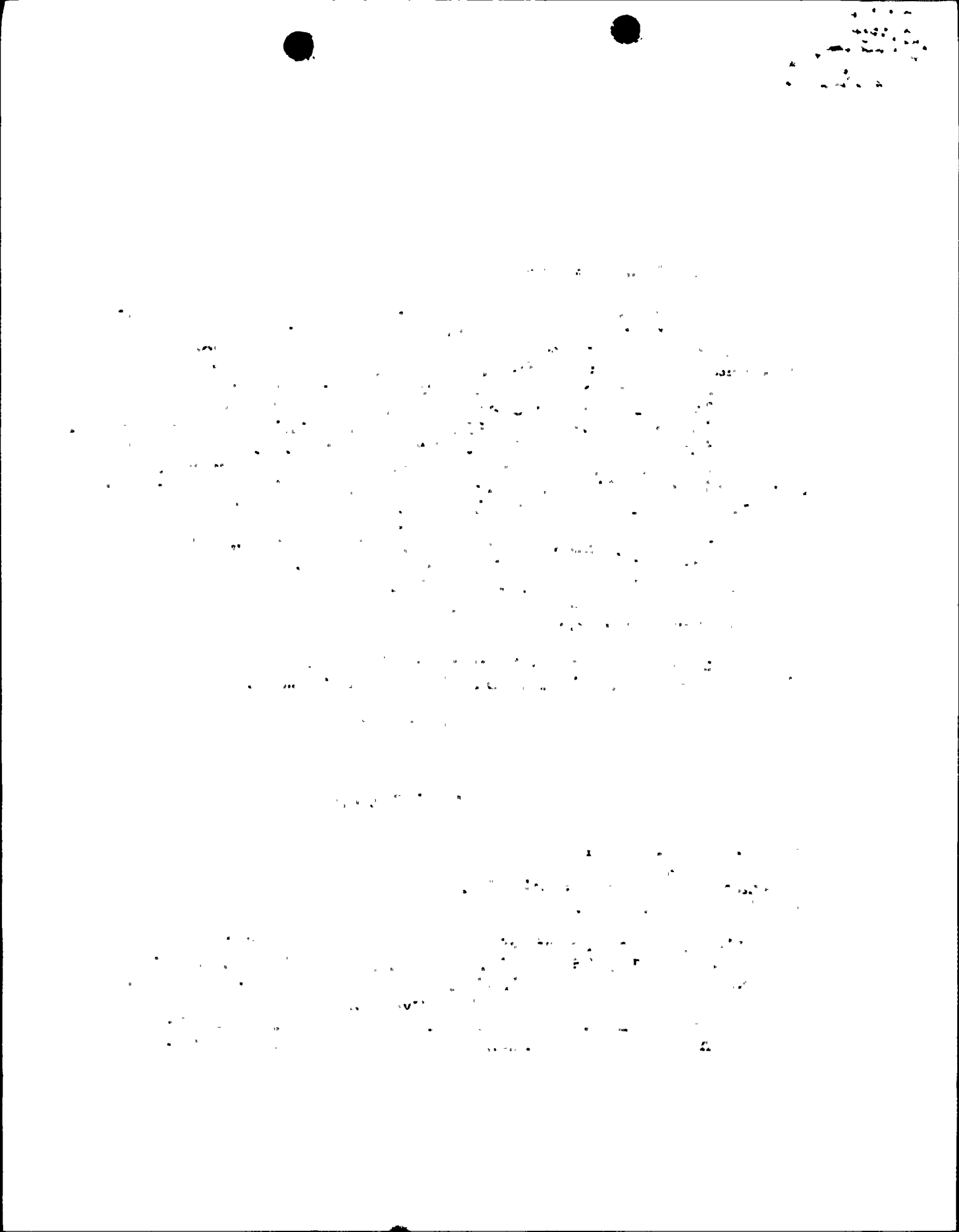
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December 28, 1977

Michael L. Slade  
1250 Crown Point Drive  
Webster, New York 14580

In the Matter of  
Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation  
(R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1).  
Docket No. 50-244

Dear Mr. Slade:

In my letter to the Licensing Board December 13, 1977, I suggested it would be appropriate for the parties to submit a proposal to the Board on the further course of this hearing in light of the Systematic Evaluation Program. You indicated in our telephone conversation December 23, 1977 that late January - early February would be a more convenient time for a meeting to discuss this matter. Accordingly, I will contact you mid-January to set an agreeable time.

In accordance with your request, I have enclosed three items pertaining to spent fuel pools. These are: (1) Licensing Board decision in Northern States Power Company (Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2), August 12, 1977, (2) Licensing Board decision in Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), August 30, 1977 and (3) the Commission's "Denial of Petition for Rule-making by Natural Resources Defense Council, 42 Fed. Reg. 34391-94 (July 5, 1977). Oral argument on the Vermont Yankee and Prairie Island decisions was held before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board December 15, 1977. For your information, the Safety Evaluation and Environmental Impact Appraisal issued in support of Amendment No. 11 to the Ginna License, November 15, 1976, indicate that the change there authorized would increase the spent fuel storage to accommodate refueling plus a full core unloading through 1985.

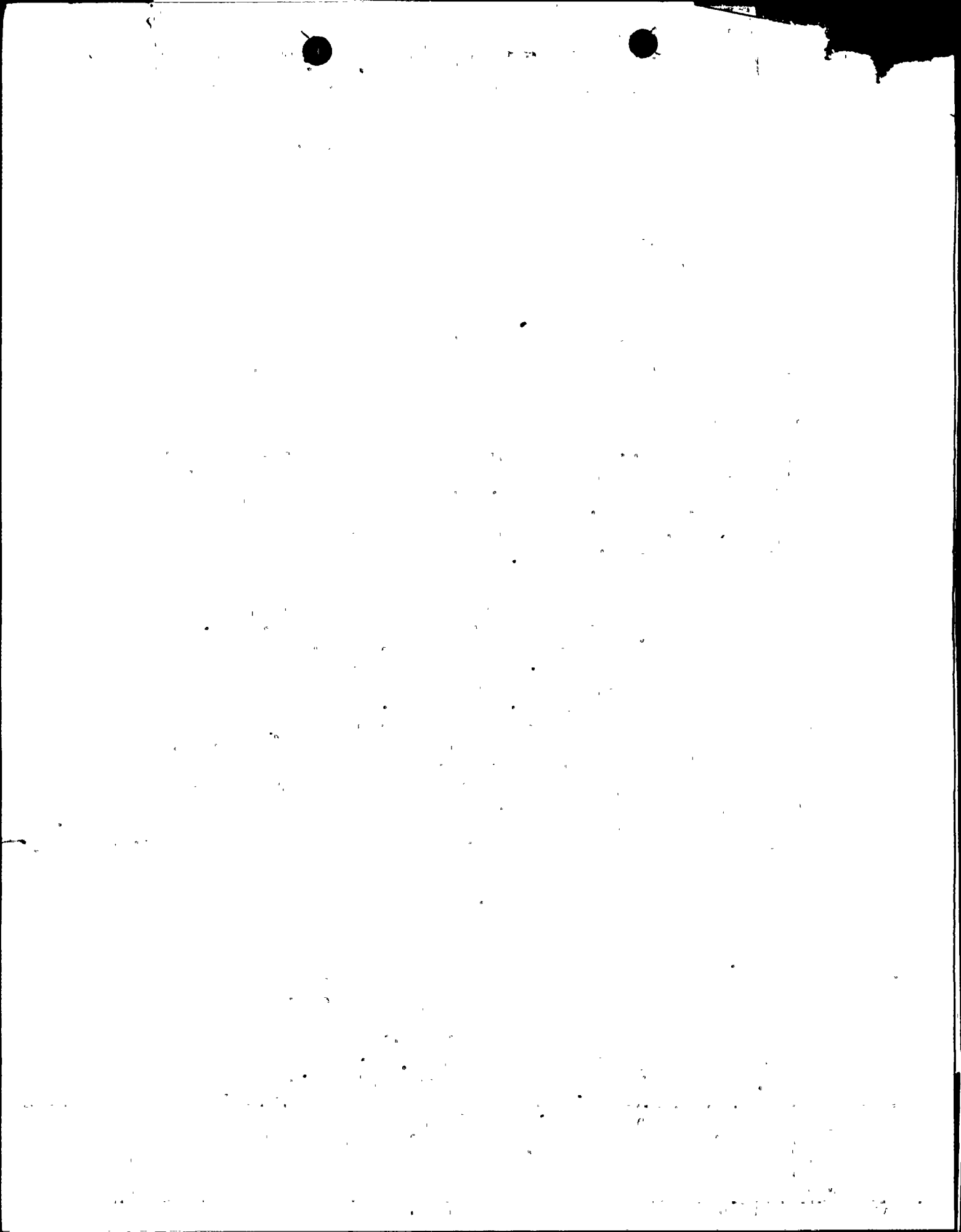
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MAY 18 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: Carlton Kammerer, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

50-244

FROM: Lee V. Gossick, Executive Director  
for Operations *[Signed] William J. Dicks*

SUBJECT: THE ROCHESTER COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION  
REPORT "CONTROL OF RADIATION ACCIDENTS AT THE R.E. GINNA  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT"

In your memo to me dated May 6, 1976, you requested that the staff (1) prepare an evaluation of the report "Control of Radiation Accidents at the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant" and (2) prepare a concise explanation of NRC's role in the area of emergency planning including our responsibilities and relationships with the utilities and State and local authorities.

There are two items directly related to the evaluation of the report of which you should be aware. First, the Rochester Committee for Scientific Information (RCSI) recently requested the participation of the NRC in a public meeting and panel discussion to be titled "Are We Ready for a Nuclear Accident - Ginna?" (a copy of the invitation letter is enclosed as Enclosure 1). The report which you asked us to evaluate is to be used as an aid to the discussion at that meeting, and copies will be available for people in attendance. The meeting, which may also have participants from the New York State Health Department, the local county Civil Defense Agency, and the Rochester Gas and Electric Company, was originally scheduled for May 19, but has been postponed until sometime in June. We have not yet made a decision as to whether we will participate in this RCSI forum. The matter is currently being reviewed by the Office of the Executive Legal Director.

Second, on February 6 of this year, the NRC was formally petitioned by the Public Interest Research Group and the New York Public Interest Research Group to issue an order to the Consolidated Edison Company and the Power Authority of the State of New York to show cause why their licenses for Indian Point Unit 3 should not be suspended until emergency planning satisfies existing regulatory requirements. The petitioners also allege that the New York State emergency plans are inadequate. Some members of the NRC staff believe that it would be inappropriate for us to appear at the RCSI forum to discuss the New York plan while the petition is still pending.

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Inspections of licensee emergency preparedness programs also include visits to and discussions with certain State and local agencies. These visits and discussions are not inspections of those agencies. Rather, they are part of the inspection of licensees, verifying the coordination of emergency planning agreements between the nuclear facilities and

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5. The fifth part of the report discusses the future plans of the organization. It provides a detailed account of the work that is planned for the next year and the resources that will be required.

6. The sixth part of the report discusses the conclusions of the year's work. It provides a detailed account of the results achieved and the lessons learned from the various projects.

local, State and Federal agencies for support of the licensee's plan. There is no legal authority for NRC to inspect emergency planning and preparedness programs of State and local agencies (see Enclosure 6).

For your information, the Office of Planning and Analysis is currently preparing a briefing for the Commission on the subject of emergency planning and preparedness. It is due for completion the first part of June.

(Signed) William J. Dircks

Lee V. Gossick  
Executive Director  
for Operations

Enclosures:  
As stated

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