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CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Kristine L. Svinicki 

SUBJECT: CONCERNS PERTAINING TO GAS TRANSMISSION LINES  
AT THE INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recently provided me its Event Inquiry, "Concerns Pertaining to Gas Transmission Lines at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant" (Case No. 16-024). In that report the OIG raises concerns regarding (1) the NRC's safety analysis that supported the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's determination to approve modifications to gas pipelines at Indian Point and (2) the NRC's response to a petition filed under 10 C.F.R. § 2.206 on this topic.

I direct that the NRC staff promptly examine whether any immediate regulatory action is needed based on information in the OIG report and promptly inform the Commission of the results of that examination and what actions, if any, the staff plans to take. If the staff determines that no immediate regulatory action is warranted, the staff should provide the Commission with the staff's basis for that conclusion. In addition to the staff's prompt examination of the need for immediate action, the staff should undertake a review of whether any information in the OIG report demonstrates that the staff should revisit either the safety analysis or its response to the section 2.206 petition. The staff should also evaluate whether any modifications to agency practice or procedures are needed or appropriate based on the OIG report. Finally, the staff should provide the Commission with the results of this review within 45 days of the date of this memorandum.

cc: Commissioner Baran  
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