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Commissioner James K. Asselstine  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Commissioners:

On May 4, 1983, the New York Power Authority received the enclosed letter from Dr. David Axelrod. Dr. Axelrod, at the direction of Governor Cuomo, related New York State's commitment to continue to work with the Authority and federal officials "to ensure that the residents in the vicinity of Indian Point are protected by the best practicable emergency preparedness plan".

As noted in that letter, Dr. Axelrod is optimistic about resolution by all concerned agencies of the current difficulties in completing the remaining emergency plan requirements established by the federal government.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Salvatore Zulla for

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May 4, 1983

Dear Mr. Dyson:

Governor Cuomo has asked me to respond to your current concerns for the effective implementation of the emergency disaster plans for Indian Point. I recognize fully the need for the participation of Rockland County in responding to any potential emergency and I have sought to facilitate that participation within the constraints imposed by the County Legislature.

As long as the plant remains operational, I will continue to exercise my responsibility to the Governor and to effect his charge to the Disaster Preparedness Commission to protect the safety and welfare of all the residents of the State, including those in Rockland County. Neither would I assume that elected officials in Rockland County would not wish to exercise the same mandate to protect the residents of their county in the event of an emergency. Their participation as observers in the recent exercise and their commitment to completing a Rockland County specific document are indicative of the commitment of the Rockland County Legislature to protect its residents.

Despite the subjective commentary accompanying the report of FEMA on the exercise, I am gratified with the objective evidence of the extent to which emergency preparedness has progressed for the Indian Point site. I am confident that the affected parties will continue to make progress and to remedy the existing deficiencies.

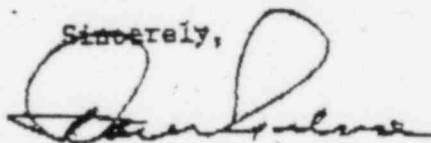
I also fully appreciate the Power Authority's frustration with the current situation. While on the one hand you are faced with a licensing requirement by the federal government to prepare an emergency plan cooperatively with local government, you remain powerless to require a locality to cooperate. I do not believe that Rockland County would wish to place in jeopardy the extensive planning undertaken to this date. Rockland County is proceeding in good faith to develop an emergency plan to deal with this and other potential emergencies, and Westchester County is seeking to remedy the deficiencies cited in its arrangements to utilize school buses for evacuation.

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The federal government cannot be unaware of the burdens imposed upon the utility and the State by decisions for which they, the federal government, were responsible. Your agency has sought to comply with every regulation and to supplement its previous preparedness plan as a result of the more recently imposed requirements emanating from the reevaluation of disaster preparedness in the aftermath of Three Mile Island. I have been directed by the Governor to continue to work with you and with the federal officials responsible for the promulgation of the new regulations and the evaluation of the implementation of those regulations to ensure that the residents in the vicinity of Indian Point are protected by the best practicable emergency preparedness plan.

I am sure that together we can resolve the current difficulties in completing the remaining requirements established by the federal government. Since the federal government is responsible for establishing the standards for operation and for the new burdens imposed on the aftermath of Three Mile Island, I can only emphasize the importance of the complete participation of the responsible federal agencies to enable us to comprehend fully the standards against which the state of preparedness for Indian Point is being evaluated.

Sincerely,



David Axelrod, M.D.  
Chairman

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