

March 14, 2000

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

This letter responds to your February 22, 2000, letter concerning the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) oversight role of the Indian Point nuclear plants, and specifically, the notification procedures that are to be implemented following a plant event such as the February 15, 2000, steam generator tube failure at Indian Point 2. You requested that Mr. Hubert J. Miller, NRC Region I Regional Administrator, meet with the executives of Putnam, Orange, Westchester, and Rockland counties, as well as representatives of your staff and Senator Moynihan's to discuss these concerns and potential safety implications posed by the sale of these plants.

On February 29, 2000, Mr. Miller met with your staff, Senator Moynihan's staff, county executives, and representatives of the four counties, in your New York City office. I trust that Mr. Miller addressed the questions raised at that meeting.

The NRC currently has an Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) onsite to determine what happened prior to, during, and following the February 15, 2000, steam generator tube failure at Indian Point 2. This review will include assessing whether Consolidated Edison Company appropriately implemented its emergency plan notification procedure in response to this event. We will provide a copy of the AIT report to you as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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