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Chairman Richard A. Meserve  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve:

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The emergency alert at Indian Point 2 nuclear power plant caused by a steam generator tube leak has understandably caused a great deal of concern among those of us in the communities surrounding the plant. My purpose in contacting you is to express my serious concerns about some of the circumstances associated with this matter.

First, I would request from your agency a status report on the investigation to discern the factors which lead up to this unfortunate incident. In particular, I was concerned to read press reports which indicated that officials at Consolidated Edison were aware that the steam generator which leaked radioactive material last Tuesday evening had actually been leaking for weeks prior to the incident. Were NRC personnel based at the plant aware of this fact? What procedures are in place to investigate and correct small leaks, and what, if any, steps were taken to investigate the particular leakage which preceded Tuesday's incident? At what time on Tuesday, February 15th, did plant officials decide that there was a problem?

In addition, are there any requirements to conduct leakage testing at Indian Point and, if so, have those requirements been complied with? Were the results of these tests within tolerances set by NRC regulations and the plant's technical specifications?

Thank you for your timely consideration of this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Sue Kelly  
Member of Congress