

April 14, 2000

Mr. George Latimer, Chairman
Westchester County Board of Legislators
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White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Mr. Latimer:

I am responding to your letter of March 13, 2000, in which you recommend the replacement of the steam generators at Consolidated Edison's (ConEd) Indian Point 2 (IP2) nuclear power facility. As you may know, the Union of Concerned Scientists submitted a petition to the Executive Director of Operations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) asking that the NRC require ConEd to replace the four steam generators prior to allowing restart. The NRC has accepted this matter for review. Information about this petition is available on the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/IP/index.html>). We will provide the results of the NRC decision to you when it is available.

The NRC sets minimum requirements that must be met by ConEd to assure protection of public health and safety. The NRC will oversee ConEd's steam generator tube inspections, repairs, and other corrective actions to assure these public health and safety requirements are met. The plant will not restart before ConEd demonstrates these specific requirements have been met and the NRC specifically approves restart.

The NRC appreciates your concerns. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Hubert J. Miller
Regional Administrator

cc:
Patricia F. Gorski, Clerk and Chief of Staff

Mr. George Latimer

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