

July 31, 2000

Mr. Richard F. Herbek
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Dear Mr. Herbek:

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As you may know, the NRC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are the two Federal agencies tasked to evaluate emergency preparedness at and around nuclear power plants. The NRC is responsible for addressing the adequacy of onsite emergency plans developed by the utility while FEMA is responsible for assessing the adequacy of offsite emergency planning and assisting state and local governments in the preparation of emergency response plans. On this basis, the NRC has forwarded your letter to FEMA and requested that they (1) evaluate the potential impact of the proposed pipeline on the evacuation routes for the Indian Point site and (2) assure that the State of New York and local government authorities responsible for emergency planning in the plume exposure pathway emergency planning zone have appropriate contingency plans in the event that the proposed pipeline does impact the Indian Point evacuation routes.

The NRC requested that FEMA inform you of the steps being taken to address your concerns. FEMA was also requested to inform the NRC of these steps. The NRC will monitor the situation through our normal communication links including the FEMA Regional Assistance Committee and the NRC/FEMA Headquarters Steering Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

I trust that this letter addresses your concerns.

Sincerely,

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