

September 5, 2000

Mr. Vincent Tamagna
Putnam County Legislature
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, New York 10512

Dear Mr. Tamagna:

I am writing to respond to your letter of July 10, 2000, concerning the replacement of the existing steam generators at Consolidated Edison Company of New York's (ConEd) Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 (IP2).

The NRC shares your concern about the above event and recognizes the importance of continued close attention to ConEd's corrective actions. As you are no doubt aware, ConEd announced its decision to replace the existing steam generators before restarting the unit. ConEd's steam generator replacement team, which includes Duke Engineering Services and Morrison Knudsen, has begun work, and ConEd has to complete the replacement before the end of the year. The NRC staff will focus its oversight on ConEd's replacement work, monitor the inspections of the new steam generators, and conduct inspection and assessment activities consistent with the NRC's designation of IP2 as an "agency focus" plant.

I trust that this letter addresses your concerns. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve