

August 23, 2000

Mr. Jack Malloy
340 Milltown Road
Brewster, NY 10509

Dear Mr. Malloy:

I am writing in response to your letter of July 24, 2000, concerning the Indian Point 2 Nuclear Power Station. As stated in our July 19, 2000, letter to you, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shares your concern about the integrity of the installed unit's steam generator tubes.

Thank you for your views and insights from your U.S. Navy experience. We appreciate and share your concern for the need to do thorough technical review work in the area of steam generators. Comparisons between the navy boilers you refer to and the steam generators at Indian Point 2 are difficult due to the significant design differences. However, I want to assure you that the steam generator inspection program at Indian Point and other nuclear plants in the country is well focused on identifying degraded tubes during periodic inspections and removing them from service.

Additionally, we note that on August 9, 2000, Consolidated Edison (Con Ed) issued a press release stating that it will proceed with the replacement of the steam generators at the Indian Point 2 plant during their current outage.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (610) 337-5234.

Sincerely,

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