

November 15, 2000

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SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 2 - REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION REGARDING CONCERNS IN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
GENERAL REPORT OF AUGUST 29, 2000 (TAC NO. MA9903)

Dear Mr. Blind:

In its report, "NRC's Response to the February 15, 2000, Steam Generator Tube Rupture at Indian Point Unit 2 Power Plant," dated August 29, 2000,¹ the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) discussed several concerns about the content and flow of information regarding the February 15 event. The NRC staff is currently reviewing the OIG report and has determined that the following information will be needed from Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) to address the OIG's concerns.

1. On page 27 of the report, OIG states that "In one EOC [Emergency Operations Center] official's opinion, IP2's intent was to time the release of information to avoid the late evening news."

Staff Request:

During the February 15, event, briefly describe the content of the information released to both local officials and the public including: (a) the actual time that each item was released and (b) the reason for releasing the item at that time.

2. On page 28, OIG indicates that certain EOC officials and others "learned that IP2 had known for several days that a steam generator tube was leaking... historically IP2 has notified them on less significant events, but in this event neither the officials interviewed nor their staff had been notified of a possible event."

Staff Request:

Briefly discuss the specific procedure(s) for providing routine plant information to offsite officials. In light of the knowledge gained from the occurrence of the event, discuss whether any changes have been made or are planned to these procedures. If so, briefly describe the changes.

¹ The OIG report can be viewed on the NRC's website: <http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports/>

In a telephone conversation with representatives of your staff on November 3, 2000, the NRC discussed these items and obtained agreement that Con Edison would provide the requested information within 30 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1457.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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