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Chairman Meserve

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January 3, 2001

Chairman Richard A. Meserve  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve:

It is my understanding that the Indian Point 2 nuclear power facility has resumed operations earlier today. I request your immediate intervention in seeing further operations halted until a number of important safety issues have been addressed and resolved.

In the days leading up to the resumption of operations, two separate problems arose, one involving a defective water pump, the other involving leaks from the radioactive cooling system. As I understand it, the leaking from the primary safety valves was still occurring when the plant was brought back online. While the amount of leakage may not have exceeded established limits, I am greatly troubled by the apparent nonchalance of your agency in dealing with it.

Though your spokesman may see the leak as a "small potatoes" problem that can be resolved during the next shutdown, allow me to make it clear to you that those of us who live in the communities surrounding the plant don't share your spokesman's confidence. Given all of the problems the plant has experienced, and the fact that Indian Point 2 now has the highest risk assessment tag of all nuclear power plants in the country, I would hope that you would be understanding of these widespread concerns in the community. Nevertheless, your rejection of my repeated requests for a more active role by the Commission leaves me to wonder if you have in fact perceived this sentiment.

Many community leaders feel this most recent - and apparently still ongoing - leak should compel the Commission revisit its earlier determination that an order to bar further operations at the plant is unnecessary. I encourage in the strongest possible terms your immediate intervention.

Sincerely,



Sue W. Kelly  
Member of Congress