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MEMORANDUM TO: Indian Point 2 Assessment Panel (IP2AP) Members
FROM: John F. Rogge, IP2AP Panel Leader *John Rogge*
SUBJECT: MINUTES FROM IP2AP MEETING 98-08

IP2AP meeting 98-08 began at 3:00 p.m. on September 25, 1998. Rich Barkley opened the meeting by outlining the agenda for the meeting and discussing the last meeting minutes. There were no corrections to the meeting minutes for IP2AP Meeting 98-07 as published. Rob Temps discussed recent plant events at IP2, including the shutdown which occurred on September 16, 1998, due to deterioration noted in the high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters of the 22 FCU (after a failure occurred in the 25 FCU) which was considered potentially common to the other FCUs. The plant was restarted on September 21, 1998, after the HEPAs in the 22 FCU were replaced and the HEPAs in the other 3 FCUs were inspected and proper FCU condensate drainage restored. Rob also noted that the senior manager on watch (SMOW) program was discontinued after restart, but that the control room mentor/advisor program for the control room operators is continuing, probably until near the end of this year.

The APM then discussed an allegation (98-166) regarding the safety culture at the plant as well as performance and program weaknesses in I&C-related programs at the station. The assessment panel was informed that the allegation panel had agreed to close this allegation out after confirmation that two specific technical areas noted by the allegor were previously inspected by the NRC or will be reviewed in the near future; otherwise, a referral of these two concerns to the licensee was merited. The assessment panel believed that the allegor's technical concerns were adequately addressed by the NRC Evaluation Team (NET), the NET Followup Team and the series of DRS inspections performed at the site in the March-August timeframe. Furthermore, since the allegor was anonymous, making it impossible for us to recontact him and ask for more specifics, we were limited in our ability to conduct additional, focused followup. Should the allegor recontact us and provide more detail, additional followup may be possible. Furthermore, we have not directly noted the safety culture concerns which the allegor cited nor heard this specific concern raised by other allegors, although a number of performance problems have been noted in the last several years in the areas identified by the allegor. The assessment panel believes that those problems were adequately rectified to support plant restart.

Rich Barkley then proceeded to go over the restart plan inspection issues list, noting that very few of the items on that list remained open. All of the items which remained open will be closed pending the issuance of NRC inspection report 98-08 documenting their closure. In addition, Rich noted that the closeout letter for CAL 98-005 was in concurrence at the time of this meeting; the closeout letter was subsequently issued on September 29, 1998.

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Rob Temps discussed two inspection initiatives planned at the site this Fall. The first involves a limited scope 40500 inspection in December involving Wayne Schmidt, Pete Habighorst and Rich Barkley to look at the effectiveness of the new corrective action system at Indian Point 2. The second involves an effort by Laura Dudes to look at the new work planning system at IP-2 to evaluate the effectiveness of improvements made in this area. John Rogge then discussed ideas for following up on long-term improvement initiatives at Indian Point 2 as detailed in past meetings with the NRC, initiatives which were to be included in the Indian Point Program for Excellence. The Assessment Panel decided to discuss with Con Edison a schedule for future periodic meetings on these long-term initiatives, the first to occur sometime late in the Fall. During those meetings, several topics are of particular interest to Assessment Panel members, most notably long-term improvement efforts in the engineering area and how they fit into the 50.54(f) effort as well as progress in the areas of Operations and Work Control. Finally, Rich Barkley discussed plans for wrapping up the activities of the Assessment Panel. Bill Hehl indicated that the panel would make a formal proposal to Hub to terminate the Assessment panel, but would probably not make such a recommendation until after January 1, 1999.

The Assessment Panel meeting adjourned around 4:00 p.m.

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