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SUBJECT: REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT THE STAFF EVALUATION OF THE
INDIAN POINT UNIT 3 (IP3) SPENT FUEL POOL (SFP)

Dear Mr. Lochbaum:

Your email to me dated May 10, 2001, requested information about the staff evaluation of the Indian Point Unit 3 (IP3) spent fuel pool (SFP). Specifically, you asked if the NRC staff had evaluated the administrative controls in use at IP3 previously, documented results of that evaluation, and whether the administrative controls in place as previously evaluated were equal to or less than the administrative controls in place currently at IP3. The basis for your questions was information described in a memorandum from Mr. James Taylor to the Commissioners, dated July 26, 1996, regarding the results of the SFP action plan.

During a subsequent telephone call, I discussed your questions with you and stated that the NRC was conducting a special inspection relative to the IP3 SFP cooling event. I confirmed that your questions were included in the development and planning of that inspection activity. Based on a letter from Mr. Hubert J. Miller, Regional Administrator, to you, dated May 24, 2001, we will forward you a copy of the NRC special inspection report when it is completed.

Thank you for informing us of your concern in this matter. If you have any additional questions concerning the special inspection at Indian Point Unit 3, please contact me at 610-337-5233.

Sincerely,

/RA Robert J. Summers for/

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