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Suggested Changes in GAO Report, "Progress Made in  
Emergency Preparedness at Indian Point 2

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# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 8, 2001

Chairman Richard Meserve  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Director Joe Allbaugh  
500 C Street, SW  
Room 828  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Chairman Meserve and Director Allbaugh:

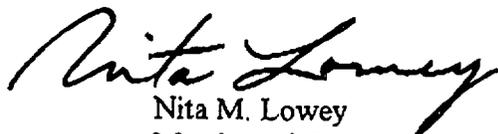
We urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Federal Emergency Management Agency to implement the changes suggested in the General Accounting Office report, "Progress Made in Emergency Preparedness at Indian Point 2."

As you know, in February 2000 the Indian Point 2 nuclear power plant was shut down because water contaminated by radiation leaked from the steam generator. While the leak posed no threat to the public, the incident demonstrated the inadequacy of the plant's emergency response plan.

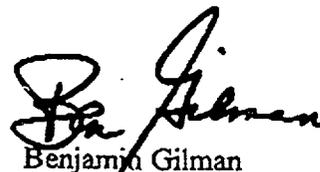
With more than 280,000 people in four states living near to the plant, an accident at Indian Point 2 could have severe and devastating effects. That is why we are requesting that NRC and FEMA work directly with the local officials, responsible for protecting the public during an emergency, to ensure that New York is prepared to respond quickly and effectively.

We cannot take chances when it comes to the health and safety of our community. The time to make changes is now -- before a major accident occurs. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
Nita M. Lowey  
Member of Congress

  
Sue Kelly  
Member of Congress

  
Benjamin Gilman  
Member of Congress