

October 15, 2001

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SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT 2 - NRC INSPECTION SCHEDULE

Dear Mr. Dacimo:

This letter responds to your September 15, 2001, request that the NRC postpone or reduce the scope of inspections scheduled at Indian Point 2 for the remainder of the calendar year. Your letter highlighted a number of important activities that you plan to undertake to improve performance at the plant including a mid-cycle maintenance outage, a comprehensive self-assessment, and an INPO performance evaluation, all of which are scheduled to occur in the last three months of the calendar year.

The NRC has reviewed your request and recognizes the importance of the activities you have planned to improve station performance, including large scope self-assessments you are conducting. The NRC is continuing with previously scheduled baseline and resident inspection activities, and other oversight activities relating to your performance improvement plan. However, we have modified two of our previously scheduled team inspections.

The engineering inspection previously scheduled for this calendar quarter has been modified, with a portion of the inspection being maintained during the week of November 5, 2001. Further, the augmented problem identification and resolution inspection previously scheduled for December 2001 has been rescheduled for March 2002. The NRC may further evaluate the timing and scope of planned inspections as new information becomes available. As previously noted, the NRC is finalizing plans for a regulatory performance meeting on December 20, 2001, near the plant site. We may make additional inspection schedule changes as a result of this meeting and our end of the year plant assessment activities.

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Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Mr. Peter Eselgroth of my staff at 610-337-5234.

Sincerely,

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