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SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NOS. 1, 2, AND 3 - PROPOSED
NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (TAC NOS. MB4477 AND MB4478)

Dear Mr. Kansler:

In a letter dated March 1, 2002, you stated that Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) is planning to construct a new administration building for the Indian Point Energy Center. The building will be located on the owner-controlled property outside of the protected area associated with the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2. In your letter, you request confirmation that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will not assert regulatory authority over the design and construction of this building.

Since the building is to be constructed outside the protected area, the NRC does not require prior approval of the construction unless ENO plans to use part of this building to conduct licensed activities. Further, ENO should ensure through an evaluation that the construction and operation of the building will not pose a significant hazard on the safe operation of the units. During construction, ENO must comply with all current and future NRC requirements regarding site security. With respect to potential environmental impacts of this project (e.g., impact on cultural resources or threatened and endangered species), each unit has an Environmental Protection Plan that provides requirements for the consideration of environmental impacts. The plans indicate those circumstances that would require ENO to contact the NRC regarding environmental impacts.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1457.

Sincerely,

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