

CORR: 00-0103

CORR: 00-0103

2000 JUN 26 AM 11: 17

# COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

## Correspondence Response Sheet

Approve with comments & also concur in Chairman's edits.

**Date:** June 26, 2000

*Greta Joy Dicus*  
Greta Joy Dicus 6/28/00

**To:** Chairman Meserve  
Commissioner Dicus ✓  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield

**From:** Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

**Subject:** Letter to Representative Sue W. Kelly concerns the safety of operations at the Indian Point 2 plant

**ACTION:** Please comment/concur and respond to the Office of the Secretary by:

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.  
**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** July 5, 2000

*06/29/00*

**Comment:**

**Contact:** George Wunder, EDO/NRR  
415-1494

Entered in STARS Tracking System  Yes  No

*W/34*



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Sue W. Kelly  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3219

Dear Congresswoman Kelly:

I am responding to your letter of May 26, 2000, in which you expressed continued concern about the safety of operations at the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 (IP2). You specifically expressed concern about the steam generator tube failure at IP2 on February 15, 2000, and about the efforts being undertaken by our Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

*The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is aware of your concern about the events at this plant and recognizes the importance of your continued close attention to this issue.*

Following the tube failure event, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission dispatched an

Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) to IP2. The AIT determined that, though there were some

*performance problems during the licensee's response to the event*  
areas in which there is room for improvement, the systems and procedures in place at IP2, *indicate*

including emergency preparedness procedures, are adequate. A detailed report of the AIT findings was forwarded to you electronically on April 28, 2000.

Since the February 15, 2000, event, the plant's owner, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Ed), inspected the tubes in all four steam generators. As a result of this inspection, Con Ed removed some tubes from service. Con Ed evaluated the tube inspection data and concluded in its Operational Assessment Report of June 2, 2000, that there is reasonable assurance that the tubes that have been left in service will maintain their structural integrity for 10 months of operation. Con Ed has stated their intention to begin replacement of