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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: C.O.B.
Day: Wednesday
Date: July 19, 2000

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Comment: RESPONSE REFERS TO OIG BRIEFING ON JULY 21.

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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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

Dear Congresswoman Kelly:

I am responding to your letters of May 26, 2000, and June 28, 2000, in which you expressed continued concern about operation of 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).

As you are aware from discussions with NRC staff, since the February 15, 2000, event, the plant's owner, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Ed), has inspected the tubes in all four steam generators. As a result of this inspection, Con Ed ^{took} removed some tubes ^{out of} ~~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. ^{"hard space"} ~~Con~~

Ed has stated their intention to begin replacement of the steam generators by the end of the year. The NRC staff is reviewing Con Ed's report and, based on this review, will determine whether or not continued operation of IP2 with the current steam generators poses an undue risk to public health and safety. Our Regional staff are also continuing their inspection activities in order to ensure that all appropriate corrective actions have been completed.