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**Correspondence Response Sheet**

**Date:** July 3, 2000

Approved subject to attached edits.

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

*Jeffrey S. Merrifield*  
Jeffrey S. Merrifield, 7/8/00

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

**Subject:** Letter to Sandra Galef, New York State Assemblywoman, concerns request for replacement of the steam generators at Con Edison's Indian Point 2

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

**Time:** 3:00 P.M.  
**Day:** Wednesday  
**Date:** July 12, 2000

**Comment:**

**Contact:** Patrick Milano, EDO/NRR  
415-1457

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

The Honorable Sandra R. Galef  
New York State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building, Room 540  
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Ms. Galef: *Assembly woman?*

*Thank you for*  
~~I am replying to~~ your letter of May 19, 2000, in which you repeat your request that the steam generators at ~~the~~ Indian Point <sup>2</sup> ~~Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2~~ be replaced. You based this request on the fact that prior repairs of the current steam generators did not prevent the tube failure from occurring.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission shares your concern about events at the plant and recognizes the importance of our continued close attention to ConEd's corrective actions for performance problems. Regarding plant operation with the existing steam generators, the NRC is conducting a comprehensive review of ConEd's proposal to allow plant startup and operation for a limited period of time. ConEd must obtain NRC's approval before plant startup (in accordance with its operating license) to operate with the existing steam generators.

*inspectors and technical staff*  
NRC ~~experts from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and NRC Region I~~ have been fully ~~involved with ConEd's steam generator inspections~~ *with the steam generator tube integrity activities at Indian Point 2* since shortly after the February 2000 event.

This involvement has included direct observation of steam generator inspections performed by ConEd, and detailed review of inspection data and results as they relate to steam generator tube integrity. Additionally, the staff's review will include consideration of the reasons that past inspections did not identify the defect that caused the February 15, 2000 event. NRC approval

*I assure you that*