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Correspondence Response Sheet

Date: January 22, 2001

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

From: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

Subject: Letter to Andrew J. Spano, Westchester County, New York, concerns activities at Consolidated Edison's Indian Point 2 nuclear power station

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

Time: 1:30 p.m.
Day: Monday
Date: January 22, 2001

Comment:

Contact: Brian Holian, RG1/DRS
610-337-5128

Entered in STARS Tracking System Yes No

Commissioner Dicus' office suggests one edit (attached)
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CHAIRMAN

Mr. Andrew J. Spano
County Executive
Westchester County
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White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Mr. Spano:

I am responding to your letter dated January 3, 2001, which raised concerns about activities at Consolidated Edison's Indian Point 2 nuclear power station. In particular, you requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) suspend operations at Indian Point 2 until additional inspections are conducted and also raised concerns about leaks at Indian Point 2. You also requested ~~a meeting with~~ ^{that} a senior NRC official ~~to brief yourself~~ ^{meet with you} and other municipal representatives ~~on~~ the start-up process and steps being taken to ensure safe operation at the facility. ^{to discuss}

With respect to continued operation of the plant, Consolidated Edison's Operation of Indian Point 2, like all licensed power reactors, is subject to the terms and conditions of its license and the Commission's regulations. Consolidated Edison is authorized under its license to operate the facility within these strictures absent a Commission order that bars further operation. In light of the results of inspections to date and our ongoing oversight of licensee activities, the Commission believes it would be inappropriate to issue an order to suspend operations at Indian Point 2. This conclusion is based on inspections over the past several months that examined such things as safety system readiness, licensed operator training,