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Assemblywoman Sandra R. Galef  
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Chairman Meserve

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Major Safety Issues Relating to the Spent Fuel Rod  
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November 12, 2002

Chairman Richard A. Meserve  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop 016C1  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Meserve:

In the November 10, 2002 edition of The Journal News, an article written by Roger Witherspoon, "Nuclear Danger Zone, A Meltdown at a Plant's Spent Fuel Pool Could Sicken Thousands Within 500 miles, a Federal Study Has Warned," suggests that a study was completed in 2000 that points directly to the major safety issues relating to the spent fuel rod pools.

My immediate response to the article is what I have previously called for - that the NRC mandate a stronger and more robust building for the spent fuel rod pools at Indian Point. You have indicated that the NRC is reviewing safety issues with the spent fuel pools. If indeed the NRC completed a study in October 2000 that produced information that there is vulnerability with respect to the spent fuel rods, it is essential that the NRC require an immediate change in regulations so that a more secure facility is developed for the spent fuel rods.

I need not remind you that these are the nuclear plants located in the most densely populated area of the country.

I look forward to a positive response to my request.

Sincerely,

Sandra R. Galef

CC: Michael Kansler, Sr. V.P., Entergy Nuclear Northeast

