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FINAL REPLY:

County Executive Edward A. Diana
Orange County, New York

TO:

Commission

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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CRC NO: 05-0521

Chairman Diaz

DESC:

ROUTING:

Indian Point Siren System for Notification of the
General Public (Due: 11/17/05)

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October 18, 2005

Nils J. Diaz, Chairman
Edward McGaffigan, Commissioner
Jeffrey S. Merrifield, Commissioner
Gregory B. Jackzo, Commissioner
Peter B. Lyons, Commissioner
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Gentlemen:

Orange County is extremely upset that Entergy cannot successfully maintain the primary or back-up Indian Point siren system for notification of the general public.

Our latest siren test, conducted on Oct. 18, 2005, resulted in ten (10) siren failures using the back-up system. I am greatly concerned, as County Executive, that the back-up system needs to be 100 percent reliable due to the fact that the frame relay on the primary system fails almost daily.

At this time, I am calling upon you, the Commissioners of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), to launch a full investigation into:

- The status of both primary and back-up siren systems;
- The repairs that will be made to the current systems;
- The future siren system that Entergy pledged to install in August of 2005; and
- A remedial test of the primary and back-up systems – as soon as possible but no later than thirty (30) days from today.

I request this investigation be completed within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

It erodes public confidence when, in September, Rockland County's back-up siren system failed and the following month, our county's back-up siren system failed.



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The residents of Orange County and I will not stand for this unreliable method of public notification. I request at this time that the NRC order Entergy to install a state-of-the-art, redundant and fail-safe primary and back-up public notification system that relies on numerous technologies; one being sirens.

Again I look forward to the NRC having the report that I have requested to me within 30 days. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Diana
Orange County Executive

EAD:am/mh

cc: N.Y.S. Governor George Pataki
N.Y.S. Senator William Larkin
N.Y.S. Senator John Bonacic
N.Y.S. Senator Thomas Morahan
N.Y.S. Assemblywoman Nancy Calhoun
N.Y.S. Assemblywoman Anne Rabbit
Putnam County Executive Robert Bondi
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Entergy Emergency Programs Director Michael Slobodien