

March 1, 2007

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Dear Ms. Greene:

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the roundtable discussion on groundwater contamination at Indian Point sponsored by Hudson River Sloop Clearwater. I appreciate the discussions we have had over the past several days on the effective ways to meet the needs of our stakeholders.

We agree that a constructive dialogue is essential to understanding the views of our stakeholders as we continue to inspect and assess Entergy's performance at Indian Point. I look forward to continuing this dialogue in the future.

As we discussed on February 28th, the NRC technical and management staff who were directly involved in the regulatory oversight of Entergy's groundwater investigation project are not available to participate in the roundtable discussion. However, as we agreed, Mr. Daniel Orr, of my staff, will observe the discussions to assure we understand matters that may require our consideration or attention.

As you may know, NRC has conducted a Special Inspection into the groundwater issues at Indian Point and held a meeting with the public last Spring to discuss our findings. We continue to closely inspect and monitor Entergy's groundwater investigation and characterization, and routinely report our findings in publically available inspection reports. Our inspection effort includes independent analysis of samples of onsite monitoring wells and offsite environmental sampling locations, which we compare with analyses conducted by Entergy and New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS/DEC). Further, NRC conducts bi-weekly briefings for interested local, state, and federal government stakeholders on the status and progress of the groundwater investigation project, and our inspection and assessment efforts. NYS/DEC and Entergy representatives also participate in these calls to describe their respective on-going activities. Additionally, we have posted on NRC's website general information on groundwater issues, as well as information specific to Indian Point.

Upon completion of Entergy's groundwater investigation and characterization project, which may occur in mid-2007, we intend to host a public outreach to provide information and our regulatory assessment of Entergy performance. Our independent review of Entergy's radiological dose assessment, based on information to-date, continues to confirm that public health and safety has not been, nor is likely to be adversely affected; and the dose consequence to the public that can be attributed to current onsite conditions is negligible with respect to conservatively established NRC regulatory limits.

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Sincerely,

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