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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS CONCERNING THE INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NOS. 2 AND 3 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. John:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking input for its environmental review of an application from Entergy Nuclear Operations (Entergy) for the renewal of the operating licenses for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3 (Indian Point), located in Buchanan, NY, approximately 24 miles north of the New York City boundary line. Indian Point is in close proximity to lands that may be of interest to the Seneca Nation of Indians. As described below, the NRC's process includes an opportunity for public and inter-governmental participation in the environmental review. We want to ensure that you are aware of our efforts and, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, Section 51.28(b), the NRC invites the Seneca Nation of Indians to provide input to the scoping process relating to the NRC's environmental review of the application. In addition, as outlined in 36 CFR 800.8(c), the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 through the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant is issued for up to 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. The current operating licenses for Indian Point will expire in September, 2013, and December, 2015. Entergy submitted its application for renewal of the Indian Point operating licenses in a letter dated April 23, 2007, as supplemented by letters dated May 3 and June 21, 2007.

The NRC is gathering information for an Indian Point site-specific supplement to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), NUREG-1437. The supplement will contain the results of the review of the environmental impacts on the area surrounding the Indian Point site related to terrestrial ecology, aquatic ecology, hydrology, cultural resources, and socioeconomic issues (among others), and will contain a recommendation regarding the environmental acceptability of the license renewal action.

To accommodate interested members of the public, the NRC will hold two public scoping meetings for the Indian Point license renewal supplement to the GEIS on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at The Colonial Terrace, located at 119 Oregon Rd. in Cortlandt Manor, NY. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting, and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of each session.

The license renewal application (LRA) is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.html. The accession number for the LRA is ML071210507. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

The Indian Point LRA is also available on the Internet at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/indian-point.html. In addition, the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, located in Montrose, NY, the Field Library, located in Peekskill, NY, and the White Plains Public Library located in White Plains, NY, have agreed to make the LRA available for public inspection.

The GEIS, which documents the NRC's assessment of the scope and impact of environmental effects that would be associated with license renewal at any nuclear power plant site, can also be found on the NRC's website or at the NRC's PDR.

Please submit any comments that the Seneca Nation of Indians may have to offer on the scope of the environmental review by October 12, 2007. Written comments should be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at IndianPointEIS@nrc.gov. At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC staff will prepare a summary of the significant issues identified and the conclusions reached, and mail a copy to you.

The staff expects to publish the draft supplement to the GEIS in July 2008. The NRC will hold another set of public meetings in the site vicinity to solicit comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS). A copy of the draft SEIS will be sent to you for your review and comment. After consideration of public comments received on the draft, the NRC will prepare a final SEIS. The issuance of a final SEIS for Indian Point is planned for April 2009. If you need additional information regarding the environmental review process, please contact Ms. Jill Caverly, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-6699 or at jsc1@nrc.gov.

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