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To: "Seth Parker" <sgp@levitan.com>,"Jill Caverly" <JSC1@nrc.gov>
Date: 6/29/2007 12:16:19 PM
Subject: Re: Indian Point License Extension

Dear Mr. Parker,

The State of NY regulates whether Indian Point can discharge water into the Hudson River under the STATE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (SPDES) permit. As I understand it, NY State issued a draft SPEDES permit in 2003, and it is currently under administrative hearing with the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

The NRC's regulatory authority does not extend to mandating a specific type of cooling system, but does require the licensee to have a valid SPEDES permit from the state. Indian Point is currently allowed by the state of NY to operate its cooling system under a 1987 SPEDES permit that has been administratively extended until a new SPEDES permit is finalized.

In its application for license renewal, Indian Point addresses closed-cycle cooling in section 8.1 of the Environmental Report. The NRC is currently conducting a review of this application for acceptance. A copy of the application and Environmental Report can be found at the following website:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/indian-point.html>

Thank you for your interest in the renewal process.

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>>> "Seth Parker" <sgp@levitan.com> 6/27/07 10:34 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Pham / Ms. Caverly, I understand that Indian Point will have to discontinue the use of once-through cooling under its state water permit after the current operating license period. I also understand that the NRC does not consider the conversion to another cooling method (e.g. closed-cycle) in the license extension system. I could not find any reference to converting the Indian Point cooling system – is the proposed cooling system addressed / mentioned in the application for license extension? Thank you, Seth Parker

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