

December 22, 2008

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SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NOS. 2 AND 3 LICENSE  
RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Ms. Ash:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application to renew the operating licenses for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3 (IP2 and IP3), which are located in Westchester County in the village of Buchanan, New York, approximately 24 miles north of New York City. IP2 and IP3 are operated by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee).

As part of its review of the proposed action, the NRC staff has prepared a site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," NUREG-1437. The SEIS includes analyses of relevant environmental issues, including potential impacts to historic and archaeological resources from extended operation and refurbishment activities associated with license renewal. In accordance with our letter to you dated August 9, 2007, a copy of the draft SEIS is enclosed. Pursuant to Title 36 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Chapter 800.8(c), we are requesting your comments on the draft SEIS and on our preliminary conclusions regarding historic properties.

As stated in our letter dated August 9, 2007, the NRC staff has determined that the area of potential effect (APE) for a license renewal action is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by post-license renewal land disturbing operation or projected refurbishment activities associated with the proposed action. The staff views the APE for the IP2 and IP3 license renewal as including the IP2 and IP3 site and the immediate environs.

The NRC staff has conducted an environmental audit at the site and has reviewed historic and archaeological records. The NRC staff also contacted 15 Native American Tribes identified as having potential interest in the proposed undertaking. The NRC staff is transmitting a copy of the draft SEIS to the Delaware Nation for their review and comment.

In the context of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, under which the draft SEIS was prepared, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that the impact of license renewal on historical and archaeological resources is small. Under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed action.

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Please note that the period for public comment expires on March 18, 2009. If your office requires additional time, or if there are any other questions regarding this correspondence, please have your representative contact the Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Andrew Stuyvenberg, at 301-415-4006 or [Andrew.Stuyvenberg@nrc.gov](mailto:Andrew.Stuyvenberg@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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