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Peter A. Morris, Director, Division of Reactor Licensing

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY (INDIAN POINT 2) - DOCKET NO. 50-247

We have been informed by our Region I (Newark) Office that the outstanding items contained in our memo to Mr. Muller, dated September 28, 1971, have been completed with the following exceptions:

1. Insulation of approximately 5 percent of the piping within containment has been delayed intentionally in order to permit pipe movement measurements during plant heatup following core loading. The insulation will be installed prior to operation of the reactor. We understand that this position is acceptable to DRL.

2. DRL has not as yet reviewed the licensee's letter, dated October 8, 1971, documenting several exceptions to the FSAR. We understand that these exceptions will be resolved by DRL prior to issuance of the license to load fuel and perform subcritical tests.

A TWX report from our Regional Office, providing additional details, will be forwarded shortly.

In addition to the above exceptions, a defect has been detected by the licensee (UT testing) in a girth weld on one of the steam generators. This defect appears to exceed the limits permitted by Section III of the ASME Code. We do not feel that this problem should delay issuance of the license to load fuel and perform subcritical tests. We do believe, however, that this problem must be dealt with and resolved prior to authorization of power operation. This matter was discussed in a meeting with several responsible DRL, DRS and CO staff members and there was general agreement concerning this position.

Based on the above information and the information presented in previous inspection reports, we recommend that Operating License No. DPR-26, authorizing fuel loading and subcritical testing, be issued for the Indian Point 2 facility.

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