

AUG 16 1977

The Honorable Richard L. Ottinger
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ottinger:

This is in response to your July 15, 1977 request for information regarding the shutdown of one of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants on July 1, 1977.

Indian Point Unit 2 was shut down automatically on July 1, 1977, due to an electrical fault sensed on the electrical transmission network. The shutdown was not due to a discharge of radioactive water or any other type of radiological release or nuclear safety concerns. The plant was started up again on July 2, 1977, and during that startup a reactor coolant pump seal package failed and the plant was manually shut down. The failed seal package resulted in approximately 90,000 gallons of radioactive reactor coolant system water leaking to the reactor containment building. The water was pumped to Indian Point Unit 1 for storage and processing prior to release to the environment (Unit 2 liquid radioactive wastes are routinely processed by Unit 1 waste processing equipment).

At no time during these shutdowns were there any releases to the environment in excess of those normally allowed or personnel injuries or radiation overexposures. This event presented no hazard to public health and safety.

We trust this information is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Lee V. Gossick

Lee V. Gossick
Executive Director for Operations

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Executive Director for Operations
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Signature: *Gossick* *8/5*

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JCAE recommended? _____

Concurrences received from:

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RESPONSE TO BE CLEARED WITH
COMMISSION PRIOR TO DISPATCH.

Description:

Ltr to Congressman Richard Ottinger concerning shutdown of
Indian Point 2

*Will be dispatched thru secy; prior to dispatch
mainly they will clear w/ Comm.*

*secy - ~~for approval~~
to be cleared with Comm.
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*H - ok
H - no comment*

Date 8/5/77

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TO: ☐ Commissioner _____ Date _____
☒ Exec. Dir./Oper. ☐ Gen. Counsel
☐ Cong. Liaison ☐ Solicitor
☐ Public Affairs ☐ Secretary
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Incoming: **Rep. Richard Ottinger**

From: _____

To: **Chairman** Date **7/15/77 (P07/**

Subject: **Request for followup info. on**
shutdown & consequences of Indian Pt* Plants
on 7/1/77 due to discharge of radioactive
water

☒ Prepare reply for signature of:☐ Chairman☐ Commissioner _____☒ EDO GC, CL, SOL, PA, SECY☐ Signature block omitted☐ _____☐ Return original of incoming with response☐ For direct reply*☐ For appropriate action☐ For information☐ For recommendation

Date due Comm: August 5

Rec'd Off. EDO

Date **8-1-77**Time **10:00**

Remarks: **Cpys to: Cmrs, PE, OGC, OCA, PA, SECY**
Rapidfaxed to EDO OCA to Acknowledge
Clear with Comm. prior to dispatch
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For the Commission: *Amber*

*Send three (3) copies of reply to Secy Mail Facility

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