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

Dear Congressman Ottinger:

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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 centainment 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

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