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Mr. John F. Ahearne, Chairman Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street Northwest Washington, D.C. 20555 DOCK

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to urge that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission decertify Consolidated Edison of New York as operator of the Indian Point Power Plant No. 2 at Buchanan. The Commission's own analyses have consistently shown Con Edison's record in operating this plant to be among the worst in the country.

Within 60 miles of the nuclear facility, nearly 10 percent of the nation's population--some 20 million people, reside. As responsible public officials, we clearly cannot allow continued mismanagement at the expense of public health and safety.

The utility's behavior in the latest of mishaps at Indian Point is to be abhorred. Pumps designed to remove water failed. Instrument lights which indicated the collection of the 100,000 gallons of water in the reactor containment building were also ignored-because the indicator lights had failed in the past and apparently had not been repaired. It took Con Edison 3¹/₂ days to notify the Commission of the water in the containment building, and furthermore, the utility with the utmost recklessness attempted to start up the reactor after it was aware of the mishap.

Again, I urge your immediate attention to this matter. The Commission is charged with protecting the public health and safety. I believe the means to protect the public in this instance must be to decertify Consolidated Edison as the operator of Indian Point No. 2.

Sincerely. Han

Richard L. Ottinge Member of Congress

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