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August 25, 1989

Re: Indian Point Unit No. 2 Docket No. 50-247

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SUBJECT: Response to Request for Additional Information on Spent Fuel Pool Rerack (TAC 72962)

This is in response to your letter dated July 28, 1989 requesting additional information to support our license amendment request, dated June 20, 1989, to expand our spent fuel storage capacity. The requested information is provided in the attachment to this letter.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Jude G. Del Percio, Manager, Regulatory Affairs and Safety Assessment.

Very truly yours,

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SPENT FUEL POOL RERACK

Request for Additional Information

1.0 In Section 9.0, In-Service Surveillance Program, it is stated that in the event of degradation of the surveillance coupons, its significance will be determined and corrective action will be identified, if necessary. Describe corrective actions that would be considered to assure safe storage of the fuel if Boraflex degradation is found during in-service surveillance.

Response

In the event that degraded Boraflex is found during the Boraflex in-service surveillance program, actions will be taken to assure safe storage of fuel in the spent fuel pool. First, the degraded Boraflex would be evaluated to determine the effect on the criticality safety analysis. Based on the results of the evaluation, direct testing of the Boraflex panels in the storage racks would be considered. This testing would involve techniques such as blackness testing and/or neutron radiography. If the results of the above evaluation or direct testing indicated that the storage racks could not assure a keff ≤ 0.95 , the following corrective actions would be considered:

- 1. Cessation of further additions of fuel assemblies to affected cells until there is reasonable assurance that keff ≤ 0.95 will be maintained.
- 2. Relocation of fuel assemblies from affected to non-affected cells.
- 3. Increasing the soluble boron concentration in the spent fuel pool.
- 4. Addition of poison material to affected cells such as control element assemblies in the stored fuel assemblies.
- 5. Using administrative controls to limit the enrichment and/or burnup of fuel assemblies to be placed in affected cells.

We believe that taking one or more actions similar to these would be successful in satisfying the keff value set forth in the criticality safety analysis.

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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC. INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION 2

The following documents concerning our review of the subject facility are transmitted for your information.

 Notice of Receipt of Application, dated Draft/Final Environmental Statement, dated Notice of Availability of Draft/Final Environmental Statement, dated Safety Evaluation Report, or Supplement No dated Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, dated Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Facility Operating License or Amendment to Facility Operating License, dated Bi-Weekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations, dated August 9, 1989. September 8, 1989. Exemption, dated Construction Permit No. CPPR, Amendment No dated
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Annual/Semi-Annual Report-
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