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December 4, 1980

Mr. Carlton Kammerer  
Director  
Office of Congressional Liaison  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kammerer:

Please find enclosed a letter from a constituent of mine concerning an incident at the Indian Point, New York nuclear power facility.

I would appreciate receiving the NRC report on this incident, or if possible, the answers to the direct questions asked by my constituent.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Emery", written over a large, stylized flourish that extends across the signature line.

DAVID F. EMERY  
Member of Congress

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November 18, 1980

David Emery  
U S House of Representatives  
425 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Emery:

Congratulations on your re-election to the House!

I imagine that you heard the news that about 100,000 gallons of Hudson River water was discovered in the reactor building of one of the nuclear reactors at Indian Point in New York on October 17.

It has now been a month since the discovery, and there still has not been much information about the incident released.

For instance,

1) Why did the air cooling system suddenly spring 4 leaks? One or two might be coincidence, but 4?

2) I've heard there was a small earthquake in the area shortly before the leaks were discovered? Is that true? How large was the earthquake? Was it a factor in the leaks? How do they know it was or wasn't?

3) Both of the pumps that are supposed to pump water off the containment floor weren't working for what seem to be simple mechanical reasons -- which sort of defeats the concept of redundant safety systems. Why weren't these problems discovered in routine maintenance checks? How often are such things checked? When had they been checked last?

4) I understand that Consolidated Edison tried to call its resident Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspector over the weekend of October 18-19 and failed, so the NRC wasn't notified until Monday, October 20. Is the resident inspector supposed to be on call 24 hours a day? If not, why was there no other procedure to be used when he or she was unavailable? Is the NRC changing its regulations so this won't happen again?

I could think of a lot more questions, but I think you get the idea. If you have answers for any of them, or know where to get those answers, I would like to learn more about what actually happened at Indian Point, and what is being done as a result of the incident.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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