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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3220

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Ivan Selin, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
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Dear ~~Chairman~~ ^{Ivan} Selin:

As you may know, throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been critical of the Indian Point nuclear power plants. Therefore, I was concerned when I learned that the Indian Point III power plant had been shut down due to a failure in an emergency reactor shutdown system. Furthermore, I was shocked that this failure had gone unnoticed for six months.

In April of 1993 upon learning of this serious situation I expressed these same concerns to the New York Power Authority. I also applauded their actions in April to promptly address this issue, while expressing my concern that this situation was allowed to deteriorate to the point at which Indian Point III was rated the second worst power plant in the Northeast region.

However, it is now nine months later and I am extremely concerned with recent reports that indicate a lack of progress by the New York Power Authority in reversing their management and safety problems at Indian Point III. I have been informed that in a New York Times article the NRC expressed its concern with the management of this facility.

Accordingly, I strongly urge that the NRC closely monitor proposed changes by the New York Power Authority to ensure improved operation of the plant.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress

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