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December 31, 1979

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Ms. Trudy G. Abramson  
Westchester County Board of Legislators  
803 County Office Building  
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Ms. Abramson:

This is in response to your letter of November 11, 1979, inquiring about the storage of low level waste at Indian Point II and III.

Operating nuclear power reactors, including the handling of radioactive waste generated in the operation of such facilities, comes under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). All handling, storage, packaging and disposal of such wastes are controlled by NRC regulations and are subject to NRC inspection. A copy of your letter is being forwarded to Mr. Wayne Kerr of the NRC for response to questions dealing with amounts stored and licensure requirements.

To our knowledge, low level radioactive waste is not being stored on long term basis at Indian Point. Such waste is being disposed of commercially by burial in licensed burial sites. If the situation develops where existing disposal sites are no longer available, the disposal of low level waste problems will not be limited to these facilities but will be national in scope and will encompass all facilities generating radioactive waste. The various alternatives for dealing with such a problem are under investigation at various levels of government.

As a part of this effort, this Bureau is currently in the process of evaluating the total volume and activity of low level radioactive waste generated by the various facilities in the State of New York that are licensed to possess and use radioactive materials.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

*Sherwood Davies*  
Sherwood Davies, M.P.H., P.E.  
Director  
Bureau of Radiological Health

cc: ✓ Mr. G. Wayne Kerr w/incoming  
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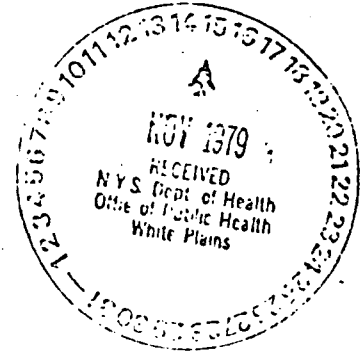
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Nov. 11, 1979

State Bureau of Radiological Health  
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Dear Sirs:

As part of a legislative inquiry into the uses of nuclear wastes and materials, in <sup>in Westchester County,</sup> which I am assisting Mr. Brodsky, would you answer the following:

With regard to the storage of low-level wastes at Indian Point II + III, what will be done when the limited capacity is filled? How much is being stored exactly, and does Con Edison have a license to store it? What role is the state taking in the protection of its citizens' health and welfare in this matter?

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Trudy G. Ahnerson