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Robert P. Astorino County Executive.

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Regional Administrator Bill Dean Region I, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Dear Administrator Dean:

As County Executive of Westchester, the home of the Indian Point Energy Center, my number one concern is protecting the public health and safety of our citizens.

While I support the continued safe operation of Indian Point — and the 2,000 megawatts of electricity it supplies to the region — it is critical for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to keep the county informed of its latest thinking, the lessons it is learning from the Fukushima Daiichi plant and the formulation of any policy changes or new strategic plans with respect to the safety and emergency preparedness at U.S. nuclear sites, including Indian Point.

Going forward communication and coordination will be key. My Emergency Services team regularly meets with Entergy's senior site management team to collaborate on safety issues. It is vitally important that I, along with the county executives of Putnam, Rockland and Orange counties, continue to receive regular updates from the NRC, as we did on the conference call yesterday, throughout this crisis in Japan. One point that needs quick clarification are the comments from Chairman Jaczko to Congress recommending the evacuation of Americans within 50 miles of the Fukushima plant and what implications, if any, that has for nuclear power plants in the United States. My hope and expectation is to receive clarification on our Monday conference call.

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Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Astorino County Executive

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