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In the Matter of
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3)
Docket Nos. 50-247-LR/286-LR

Dear Administrative Judges:

In the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's ("Board") "Memorandum and Order (Ruling on Pending Motions for Leave to File New and Amended Contentions)" ("Order") of June 30, 2011, the Board observed that it had not been notified of the issuance of a Biological Opinion ("BO") by the National Marine Fisheries Service ("NMFS"). Order at 62 n.266, and 68.

As the NRC Staff ("Staff") previously informed the Board, the expected completion date of consultations between NMFS and the Staff was extended to May 15, 2011, and the expected issuance date of NMFS' Biological Opinion was "extended to June 29, 2011, unless further extended." See Order at 62 n. 266. The Staff wishes to advise the Board that consultations between NMFS, the Staff and the Applicant have been extended; it is expected that NMFS will issue the BO on or before September 20, 2011, unless consultations are further extended by agreement of NMFS, the Staff and the Applicant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherwin E. Turk".

Sherwin E. Turk
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