



OFFICE OF THE  
GENERAL COUNSEL

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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Dear Mr. McInman,

I am responding to your complaint and email discussions with Mr. McIntyre of our Office of Public Affairs regarding the public posting on our ADAMS website of personal identifying information contained in comments you submitted to NRC on September 12, 2012.

Those comments were in response to NRC's invitation for comments on the draft Supplemental Generic Impact Statement for license renewal for Indian Point Nuclear Generating, Units 2 and 3. This NRC notice was published in the Federal Register at 77 Fed. Reg. 40091 (July 6, 2012). I have attached a copy for your convenience.

While you might have seen this invitation for comments in some other venue or format, the text of the publication appearing elsewhere was the same as that published in the Federal Register. In that publication, NRC stated as follows:

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed. The NRC posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as entering the comment submissions into ADAMS, and the NRC does not edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

Further, the website at which comments are filed at <http://www.regulations.gov> stated at the bottom of the comment page:

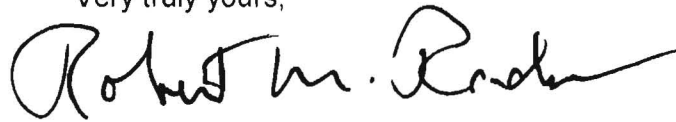
Any information (e.g., personal or contact) you provide on this comment form or in an attachment may be publicly disclosed and searchable on the Internet and in a paper docket and will be provided to the Department or Agency issuing the notice. To view any additional information for submitting comments, such as anonymous or sensitive submissions, refer to the Privacy and Use Notice, the Federal Register notice on which you are commenting, and the Web site of the Department or Agency.

Because NRC receives thousands of comments annually in response to rulemaking and adjudicatory notices, such as the Indian Point 2 and 3 license renewal proceeding, it is

impracticable for NRC to review comments to search for and remove personally identifying information, such as the commenter's email address, phone number or address. Nor is it practical to remove or edit comments, as you have requested here, once they are part of the public record.

Therefore, in providing comments to NRC in the future, you should take care to avoid including any personal identifying information you do not wish to be made publically available on NRC's public ADAMS website.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert M. Rader". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Robert M. Rader  
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