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March 2, 2016

The Honorable Sandy Galef
New York State Assembly
Ossining, NY 10562

Dear Ms. Galef:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of February 11, 2016, regarding the recent tritium leak at the Indian Point Energy Center. Let me first assure you that there is no health risk to the public due to the increased levels detected and that the quantity of radioactivity in the leak is a small fraction of the authorized effluent limit from the plant.

Since the licensee notified the NRC of the elevated tritium levels on February 5th, we have been closely observing the licensee's remedial actions and regularly monitoring the status of the leak and tritium levels. This is part of our independent assessment of the cause of the leak, which also includes NRC inspections and other oversight activities.

I understand your concerns and assure you the NRC is taking all the appropriate actions to ensure this issue is fully and appropriately addressed. We are fully committed to work closely with federal, state and local partners to communicate the results of our inspection efforts and assessment of this event.

I also understand that on February 26, 2016, Mr. Glenn Dentel, NRC Region I Branch Chief, had the opportunity to speak with you following an Entergy Stakeholders Outreach meeting held at the Indian Point Energy Center. We appreciated being able to provide you and your staff with an NRC update on this issue. We also look forward to meeting with you during our upcoming annual Indian Point Government-to-Government meeting scheduled for March 24, 2016, in Tarrytown, NY. The Indian Point groundwater issue will be one of the topics on the agenda.

Finally, we will be participating on the Entergy bi-weekly stakeholder teleconference calls by providing NRC updates and will be issuing our assessment in a publicly available inspection report that we anticipate will be available in mid-May.

Should you have any additional concerns, please contact our State Liaison Officer, Doug Tifft, at 610-337-6918 and he will be able to assist you.

Sincerely,

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