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**SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS FOR INDIAN POINT
NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT 3 AND COMMENCEMENT OF
DECOMMISSIONING INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Dear Mr. Vitale:

This letter is to inform you that oversight activities by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit 3 (IP-3) will no longer be performed in accordance with our operating power reactor inspection program. The NRC's oversight of your future activities at IP-3 will be conducted in accordance with our decommissioning power reactor inspection program and will be led by our Region I Division of Radiological Safety and Security (DRSS).

On February 8, 2017, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy) notified the NRC of its intent to permanently cease power operations at IP-3 by April 30, 2021 subject to operating extensions through, but not beyond 2025 (ADAMS Accession Number: ML17044A004). On May 11, 2021, Entergy notified the NRC of its certification of cessation of power operations and the permanent removal of fuel from the IP-3 reactor vessel (ADAMS Accession Number: ML21131A157). This letter is to notify you that the NRC will no longer use Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," IMC 0608, "Performance Indicator Program," and IMC 2515, "Light-Water Reactor Inspection Program – Operations Phase" when conducting oversight activities and assessing site performance at IP-3. Therefore, it is also no longer necessary to report Reactor Oversight Process performance indicator data for IP-3. The results of inspection activities completed under IMC 2515 will be provided in future correspondence.

The NRC's oversight of your licensed activities as you progress through decommissioning will be conducted under the provisions outlined in IMC 2561, "Decommissioning Power Reactor Inspection Program." The objectives of the decommissioning inspection program are to verify that decommissioning activities are being conducted safely, that spent fuel is safely being stored, and that site operations and license termination activities are in conformance with applicable regulatory requirements, licensee commitments, and management controls.

As defined in IMC 2561, IP-3 is currently in the "Post-Operation Transition Phase" of decommissioning and the inspections as detailed in IMC 2561, Appendix A, "Core Inspection Procedures" for that phase will be conducted at IP-3. In addition, the inspection procedures

listed in IMC 2561, Appendix B, "Discretionary Inspection Documents for Decommissioning Power Reactors" could be performed based on site activities and conditions.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact me at (610) 337-6953 or Katherine Warner, Senior Health Physicist, at (610) 337-5389 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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