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Mr. Tom Congdon, Executive Deputy
Department of Public Service Chair
Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Mr. Congdon:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your Jan. 6, 2023, letter (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML23009B687) regarding Holtec Decommissioning International's (HDI) decommissioning activities at Indian Point. In your letter, you indicated your support for concerns recently expressed by New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) regarding HDI's requested reduction of emergency planning requirements before all spent fuel at the site is placed in dry cask storage. In addition, your letter also requested that the NRC hold public forums to discuss the amendments and exemptions requested by HDI that are currently pending before the NRC.

The NRC appreciates your concerns regarding HDI's requested reduction to emergency planning requirements. The NRC is currently reviewing HDI's submittals and, consistent with NRC's general practices, the NRC will consider the information NYSERDA provided, as appropriate, as part of the review.

Regarding the request for public forums to discuss decommissioning at the Indian Point site, the NRC has welcomed opportunities to do so, and will continue to work with the Board and support public meetings related to issues of interest to the community. At the NRC-hosted public meeting held on November 30, 2022, regarding the decommissioning of Indian Point, the NRC was able to provide information and answer questions on a variety of topics, including information related to the roles and responsibilities of NRC oversight of spent fuel cask management and storage, associated security and emergency preparedness requirements, aging management, and the regional inspection program. The video and recording of that public meeting are available at https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg?do=details&Code=20221183 and will hopefully continue to be a resource for those interested in these issues in the future. The NRC staff also appreciated the opportunity to facilitate additional dialogue regarding decommissioning in general, and decommissioning issues at Indian Point more specifically, by presenting information and responding to questions at the December 7, 2022, Decommissioning Oversight Board public meeting. We hope that the NRC's engagements with the Board and the public, to date, have been helpful and informative, and we look forward to continued engagements as the decommissioning process at Indian Point moves forward.

If you have any other questions or need additional information, please contact me, or have your staff contact Mr. Doug Tifft, Regional State Liaison Officer, at (610) 337-6918 or Doug.Tifft@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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