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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
**Comments on Revised Criteria for
Post Accident Sampling System**

- REFERENCES: 1.) Federal Register, November 24, 1999, Volume 64, Number 226,
pages 66213-66214.
- 2.) NEI letter to NRC, L. Hendricks to D. Meyer, "Revised Criteria for
Post Accident Sampling Systems November 24, 1999, 64 Fed.
Reg. 66213," dated January 5, 2000.

The Authority has reviewed the request for comment regarding the revised criteria for the Post Accident Sampling Systems (PASS) published in the referenced Federal Register notice. This notice states that the NRC is considering the endorsement of topical reports written by the Westinghouse and Combustion Engineering Owners Groups. These reports provide justification for the elimination of the PASS from the licensing basis and would allow licensees to remove their commitments to maintain the PASS.

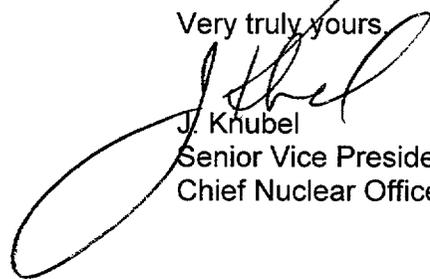
The Authority supports the NRC's decision to endorse these topical reports. Both the Westinghouse Owners Group and Combustion Engineering Owners Group have determined that there is no decrease in emergency planning effectiveness as a result of eliminating the regulatory requirements to maintain a dedicated PASS. The Authority Emergency Planning personnel for both IP3 and JAF have spoken with state and local emergency response organizations about the referenced Federal Register notice to ensure its potential impact is understood.

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The Authority has reviewed the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) comment letter on this Federal Register Notice and supports NEI's position on this issue.

There are no commitments made by the Authority in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. Faison.

Very truly yours,



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