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Docket No. 50-286

Mr. William A. Josiger, Acting
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Dear Mr. Josiger:

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF SUPPORTING SAFETY EVALUATIONS FOR AMENDMENT
NOS. 134 AND 147 - INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 3
(TAC NOS. M86135 AND M89078)

By letters dated June 15, 1993, and May 3, 1994, the NRC issued Amendment Nos. 134 and 147, respectively, to Facility Operating License No. DPR-64 for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 (IP3). Amendment No. 134 revised Technical Specification (TS) Section 6.2.2.i to remove the condition that the Operations Manager must hold a senior reactor operator (SRO) license and replaced it with the requirements that the Assistant Operations Manager must hold an SRO license and that the Operations Manager must hold or have held an SRO license at IP3. Amendment No. 147 further revised TS Section 6.2.2.i to temporarily allow for an Operations Manager to have held an SRO license at a pressurized water reactor other than IP3. This temporary allowance, which was needed to support management changes in an effort to improve overall performance at IP3, is in effect until 3 years after restart from the 1993/1994 outage.

The NRC staff justified both of these TS amendments on the basis that the Assistant Operations Manager maintains a current SRO license. However, in the supporting safety evaluations for both amendments the staff made reference to the Assistant Operations Manager maintaining an "active" SRO license. This can potentially cause confusion since an "active" operator license is specifically defined in 10 CFR 55.53(e) as performing the function of the license on a minimum of seven 8-hour or five 12-hour shifts per calendar quarter. It was not the NRC staff's intent that the Assistant Operations Manager maintain an "active" SRO license as defined in 10 CFR 55.53(e). Therefore, having the Assistant Operations Manager maintain a "current" SRO license per 10 CFR Part 55 fully meets the basis on which both TS amendments were justified. Please update your licensing bases management system accordingly.

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