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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-286  
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**Update on 10 CFR 50.54(f) Information Regarding the Adequacy and Availability of Design Bases Information**

REFERENCES: See page 3.

By this letter, Entergy is informing the NRC that it has identified and corrected the risk significant FSAR discrepancies found at the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant (IP3) during Phases 1 and 2 of the IP3 10 CFR 50.54(f) FSAR design basis discrepancy identification project. IP3 is currently tracking some non-safety related items that are still open from Phase 3 of this effort. These items are being tracked (in our ACTS and the 10 CFR 50.54(f) database) for completion in the future, with due dates prioritized according to the significance of the item, including in comparison with other work priorities.

October 9, 1996, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a letter (Reference 1) requesting information pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) regarding the adequacy and availability of design bases information. The Power Authority (then the owner of IP3) committed to submit a letter to the NRC detailing the Authority's commitments with regard to design basis information (Reference 2). In Reference 3, the Authority provided the NRC with a description of the initiatives, including scope and schedule, of the implementation to improve the availability of the IP3 design basis information.

The Authority committed to implement a three (3) phase program to identify and correct any discrepancies between the FSAR and the as-built configuration and operation of the plant. Phase one (1) of this program included the development of a "pilot" validation process. Phase two (2) was the application of the validation program to the safety-related plant systems and Phase 3 was to apply and complete the FSAR validation program and to identify and correct any FSAR discrepancies not covered by Phases 1 and 2. (Reference 3)

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In Reference 4 the Authority revised and clarified the scope of the IP3 project to identify and correct FSAR discrepancies. This clarification including reducing the scope of Phase 3. In the revised scope, Phase 3 was limited to only non-safety-related systems that are risk significant or are in the Maintenance Rule. Additionally, normal work practices and existing processes would be used to document and correct discrepancies identified in the UFSAR during Phases 1, 2 or 3, and open items would be resolved based on their safety significance, any potential effects on the plant operation, and the availability of resources to resolve them.

IP3 completed identifying and correcting all of the risk significant FSAR discrepancies identified in Phases 1 and 2 by March 30, 2000. In June of 2000, IP3 submitted an FSAR Amendment Update to the NRC correcting the risk significant items in the IP3 FSAR which were identified and corrected during Phases 1 and 2. As the remaining open items are corrected and closed they will be reflected in future IP3 FSAR Amendment Updates.

Entergy is not making any new commitments in this letter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Ken Peters at (914) 736-8349.

Very truly yours



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References:

1. NRC letter, James M. Taylor to Robert G. Schoenberger, dated October 9, 1996 regarding "Request for Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding Adequacy and Availability of Design Bases Information"
2. New York Power Authority letter, H. P. Salmon, Jr. to USNRC dated February 7, 1997 regarding the same subject
3. New York Power Authority letter, J. Knubel to USNRC dated March 10, 1997, "Response to Request for Additional Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding Adequacy and Availability of Design Bases Information"
4. New York Power Authority letter, J. Knubel to USNRC dated July 15, 1998, "Status of Authority Initiative to Improve the Adequacy and Availability of Design Bases Information"

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