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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
License No. DPR-64
Special Report per Technical Specification 5.6.7
Due to an Inoperable Core Exit Thermocouple

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a Post Accident Monitoring (PAM) Instrumentation report in accordance with Technical Specification (TS) 5.6.7 due to an inoperable core exit thermocouple (CET), H-5, in train A. There are twenty CETs (ten in each of two trains) distributed among the four quadrants of the core, that are qualified for post accident monitoring. TS 3.3.3 Table 3.3.3-1 requires two CETs per train in each of the four quadrants to be operable and restoration of the required inoperable channel to operable status in 30 days. If the required action and completion time can not be met, a report is to be submitted within 14 days addressing the information required by TS 5.6.7.

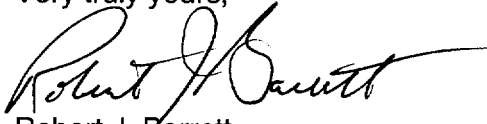
The alternate method of monitoring is to use the other CET in train A and the CETs in train B for this quadrant. There are currently three operable CETs in train B for this quadrant. The cause of the inoperability is undetermined. Some inspection and assessment of the cause of the CET inoperability was conducted, but completion of the inspection and assessment are limited due to the location of some of the cable connectors and CET itself that make them normally inaccessible during plant operation. The suspected cause may be a failed connection or cabling, however, the CET itself may have failed. The schedule to complete inspection and assessment, and to restore the instrument channel to operable status will be either during an outage of sufficient duration or the refueling outage currently scheduled to begin April 4, 2003. This will be accomplished by troubleshooting the inoperable channel, and repair or replacement implemented as applicable.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact John Donnelly at
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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