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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
License No. DPR-64
Additional Information on 10 CFR 50.12 Exemption
Request for Post Accident Containment Ventilation System

- References:**
1. Entergy Letter, "10 CFR 50.12 Exemption Request for Post Accident Containment Ventilation System," dated October 3, 2002 (IPN-02-080).
 2. SECY-02-0080, Proposed Rulemaking-Risk-Informed 10 CFR 50.44, "Combustible Gas Control In Containment," May 13, 2002.

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to a question raised with respect to an Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) request for an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.44(f) for the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant (Reference 1). The question, discussed with the NRC in a telecon on December 19, 2002, relates to the plans for containment venting capability in the Severe Accident Management Guidelines (SAMGs). The NRC proposed rulemaking for Combustible Gas Control, Reference 2, was referenced as a basis for the proposed exemption. The NRC proposed rulemaking states that the Commission continues to view severe accident management guidelines as an important part of the severe accident closure process. "Generic severe accident management guidelines developed by each nuclear steam system supplier owners group includes either purging and venting or venting the containment to address combustible gas control. On the basis of the industry-wide commitment, the Commission is not proposing to require such capabilities, but continues to view purging and/or controlled venting of all containment types to be an important combustible gas control strategy that should be considered in a plant's severe accident management guidelines." The SAMGs at Indian Point 3 currently identify the Post Accident Containment Vent, the Containment Pressure Relief System, backflow to the steam jet air ejector line, and containment purge as alternate containment depressurization and combustible gas control methods.

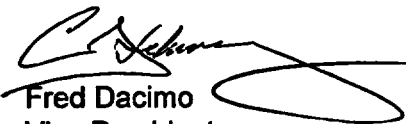
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Decommissioning the Post Accident Containment Vent System will include a revision to the SAMGs and will leave three alternative methods available. The availability of the alternative methods for venting was discussed with the NRC in the December 19, 2002 telecon.

There are no new commitments made by ENO in this submittal. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. K. Kingsley at (914) 734-5581.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Very truly yours,



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