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**SUBJECT:** Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3  
Dockets 50-247 and 50-286  
**Reply to Request for Additional Information**  
**Regarding ASME Code Relief Request RR-62 and RR 3-32**

**REFERENCES:**

1. Entergy letter to NRC, IPN-02-068 / NL-02-114, "ASME Code Relief Requests to Use Alternative Repair Methods and NDE Techniques for Reactor Vessel Head Penetration Nozzles", dated August 21, 2002.
2. Entergy letter to NRC, NL-03-037, "Answer to February 11, 2003 Order to Modify PWR Licenses for Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads", dated March 3, 2003.

Dear Sir:

This letter provides additional information requested by the NRC regarding the relief request submitted by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc (ENO) in Reference 1. The additional information was requested by the NRC during a conference call with ENO personnel on March 10, 2003.

The relief request pertains to repair methods that could be used, if needed, as a result of the reactor vessel head inspection. NRC requested that ENO notify the NRC prior to making repairs that apply this relief request. The ENO commitment regarding NRC notification is documented in Attachment I. NRC also noted that the relief request contains the following statement in section C.b.i:

*"This technique is a permanent repair not requiring follow-up inspections..."*

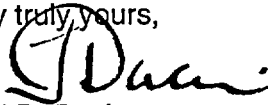
Although this statement is true with respect to ASME Code requirements, ENO concurs with the NRC position that follow-up inspections would be required as a result the requirements stated in

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the NRC reactor pressure vessel head inspection Order EA-03-009, dated February 11, 2003. The ENO response to the Order (Reference 2) documents the consent to these requirements so that no additional commitment is required.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Kevin Kingsley at 914-734-5581.

Very truly yours,



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**COMMITMENT REGARDING RELIEF REQUESTS RR-62 AND RR 3-32**

Number	Commitment
NL-03-051-01	ENO will notify NRC prior to performing repairs on Reactor Pressure Vessel nozzles that involve the use of Relief Request RR-62 for IP2 or RR 3-32 for IP3. The initial notification can be made verbally, with follow-up documentation provided in the post-outage Reactor Vessel Head Inspection Report required by Section IV.E. of NRC Order EA-03-009 dated February 11, 2003.