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**SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT 2 MAINTENANCE RULE BASELINE TEAM INSPECTION
REPORT 50-247/98-10**

Dear Mr. Kinkel:

This refers to the team inspection conducted on June 8 through 12, 1998, at the Indian Point 2 (IP2) reactor facility. The purpose of the inspection was to review the implementation of the maintenance rule program under 10 CFR 50.65 at IP2. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection effort.

Overall, we concluded that your facility had implemented the maintenance rule acceptably at the time of the inspection, with the exception of the apparent violations identified below. We are concerned, however, that before January 1998 significant performance weaknesses and inadequacies existed that indicated an apparent organizational ineffectiveness in initial implementation of the maintenance rule. We noted that a number of revisions and substantial improvements to your program were implemented just prior to this inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that apparent violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations were identified by the NRC, in part, and included: 1) failure to place several systems into an (a)(1) status in a timely manner commensurate with safety, and 2) failure to include in the scope of the maintenance rule program as required by 10 CFR 50.65(b) the emergency lighting system, the communications system, and several annunciators.

We are continuing to review the violations as related to the past problem with maintenance rule implementation. We will contact you shortly on our enforcement decision.

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Sincerely,

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