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Subject: **Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant**  
**Docket No. 50-286**  
**Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications**  
**Regarding Reconstituted Fuel Assemblies for Cycles 9 and 10**

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to the Indian Point 3 (IP3) Technical Specifications proposes to change the description of the reactor fuel assemblies given in Specification 5.3.A.1 to allow (for cycles 9 and 10 only) the substitution of a stainless steel filler rod in place of a fuel rod in fuel assemblies W51 and W06. This proposed change also deletes the allowance for two stainless steel filler rods in one fuel assembly during cycle 8, because cycle 8 has ended. This application for amendment supersedes our application for amendment dated May 19, 1992.

This proposed Technical Specification change is required prior to core reload during the present cycle 8/9 refueling outage. The Authority requests that this application be approved on an emergency basis, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(a)(5), prior to May 29, 1992. An emergency situation exists because core reload is scheduled to begin on June 1, 1992, and failure to act in a timely way will prevent resumption of plant operation on the scheduled date.

The Authority has a reasonable assurance that these substitutions can safely be made based on past industry experience with stainless steel filler rods that have performed acceptably. The IP3 cycle 8 core contained two stainless steel filler rods that were evaluated as having no effect on the fuel assembly structural integrity, fuel assembly dynamic properties, control rod worths, core peaking factors, or peak linear power levels. The acceptability of replacing the corner fuel rod in fuel assemblies W51 and W06 with stainless steel rods will be justified as part of the cycle specific reload evaluation process using a Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved methodology to confirm that all existing safety criteria and design limits are met, prior to plant

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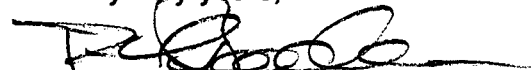
startup with the reconstituted fuel assemblies (W51 and W06) loaded in the reactor core.

The proposed change is contained in Attachment I to the Application for Amendment enclosed with this letter, and the associated Safety Evaluation is provided as Attachment II.

A copy of this application and the associated attachments are being provided to the designated New York State official as required by 10 CFR 50.91.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. P. Kokolakis.

Very truly yours,



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