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Subject: **Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant**
Docket No. 50-286
Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications
Regarding Extension of Surveillance Test and Calibration Intervals for
Main Steam and Steam Generator Blowdown Systems to
Accommodate a 24 Month Operating Cycle

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications proposes to change surveillance requirements for Main Steam (MS) and Steam Generator Blowdown (SGBD) Systems to accommodate operation with a 24 month operating cycle.

Starting with cycle nine (August, 1992), Indian Point 3 began operating on 24 month operating cycles instead of the previous 18 month cycles. The specific MS and SGBD Technical Specifications affected by the change to a 24 month operating cycle and that are being changed by this application are:

- lift setpoint testing frequency of the Main Steam Safety Valves (MSSVs) (Table 4.1-3, Appendix A),
- closure time testing frequency of the Main Steam Stop (Isolation) Valves (MSIVs) (Section 4.7, Appendix A), and
- calibration frequency of the Steam Generator Blowdown (SGBD) flow instrumentation (Table 3.1-1, Appendix B).

Also included are

- deletion of the words "with the reactor at cold shutdown" from Specification 4.7 of Appendix A regarding testing of the MSIVs, and

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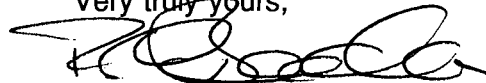
- administrative changes to Tables 3.1-1 and 3.2-1 of Appendix B to define all of the notations used on the tables and to clearly distinguish those surveillances that are currently being performed once per 18 months and those that will be changed to at least once per 24 months upon approval from the NRC.

The proposed changes are 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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