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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Water Level Over Reactor Vessel Flange
During Refueling

Dear Sir:

This letter responds to your August 15, 1980 letter which requested the Authority to review its Technical Specifications and procedures and to make whatever revisions are necessary to assure that exposure of fuel assemblies and control rods cannot occur during refueling.

The Authority has completed the requested review and will propose Technical Specification changes by January 1, 1981, which will require at least 23 feet of water over the top of the reactor pressure vessel flange during movement of fuel assemblies or control rods. In addition, the Authority will revise its refueling procedures to implement the Technical Specification changes before the next refueling outage.

Very truly yours,

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