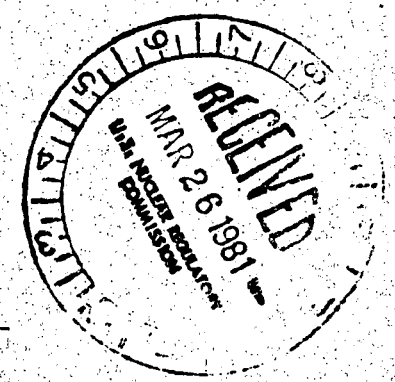


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Mr. Harold R. Denton
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Indian Point Units 2 and 3
Probabilistic Safety Analysis
NRC Docket Nos. 50-247/286

Dear Mr. Denton:

The licensees for the operating units at Indian Point as well as at the Zion site are preparing nuclear safety analyses based on probabilistic assessment methods. We write to inform you of a change to the schedule for the completion of the Indian Point probabilistic safety analysis. The report of this analysis will not be available as early as we had previously planned.

Detailed reports (8,000 to 10,000 pages) on the safety analyses of both Indian Point and Zion units are being prepared by the same consultants, and completion of the work is taking longer than expected. We consider good documentation of these studies to be vital to facilitate review by the NRC Staff and the public generally. The schedule is therefore being extended to permit orderly completion of the full reports.

Considerable resources have been devoted to the Indian Point probabilistic safety analysis. Since we expect this work to be of lasting significance, extra efforts are being made to assure the completeness and correctness of the report. An independent technical review of the contractors' analyses is being conducted as well as a full review by our own technical staffs.

Allowing for completion of the detailed documentation and technical reviews, the Indian Point report is now expected to be available in June, 1981.

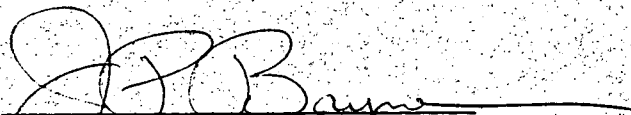
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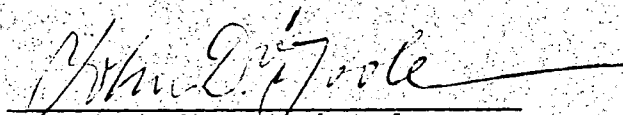
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