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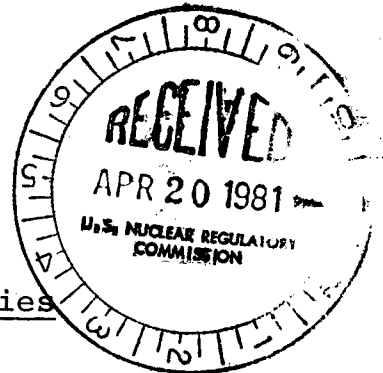
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Attention: Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Upgrade of Emergency Support Facilities



Dear Sir:

This letter responds to your February 18, 1981 letter which clarifies the subject requirements deferred in NUREG-0737, item III.A.1.2. Your letter requested confirmation of the implementation dates specified or, in the alternative, a proposed revised date and justification for the delay.

Emergency Response Facilities

The upgraded emergency response facilities conceptual design description is expected to be submitted by June 1, 1981, as required. The upgraded facilities as described in NUREG-0696 are expected to be complete and operational by October 1, 1982 with the exception of the data acquisition system (DAS). Due to the rigorous design and quality control requirements and the manufacturing schedules for hardware, the DAS is not expected to be operational until June 1, 1983.

During the period from October 1, 1982 until June 1, 1983, the control room, TSC and EOF will have access to plant information via CRT terminals linked to the plant's P-250 computer. This facility is essentially that which was installed in our interim TSC and reviewed by the NRC in January 1980. In addition, a video surveillance system using cameras mounted

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in the control room, will be able to provide the TSC with information not available on the P-250 computer.

The Authority will notify the Commission as soon as possible should any changes be necessary to the above schedule.

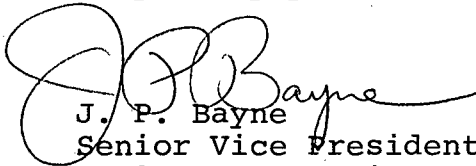
Minimum Staffing for Emergencies

Based on discussions with the NRC Emergency Preparedness Licensing Branch, our understanding of the intent of the NRC/FEMA Steering Group with regard to the staffing requirements of Table III.A.1.2-1 (Table B-1 of NUREG-0654, revision 1) is as follows:

- 1) By September 1, 1981, staffing required "on-shift" must be implemented within 30 minutes and staffing required within 30 minutes and 60 minutes must be implemented within 60 minutes.
- 2) By July 1, 1982, the on-shift, 30 minutes and 60 minutes staffing requirements of Table III.A.1.2-1 must be implemented as shown.

The staffing requirements contained in the current Indian Point Unit 3 Emergency Plan, submitted to the Commission on December 30, 1980 (IPN-80-119) and revised on March 31, 1981 (IPN-81-24), is based on the NRC February 11, 1980 Confirmatory Order and already satisfies the September 1, 1981 staffing requirements intended by the Steering Group. The Authority is presently evaluating its ability to meet the staged 30 minute staffing requirements by July 1, 1982 and will notify the Staff upon reaching a conclusion.

Very truly yours,


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