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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Interpretation of the Random Drug Testing Requirement
of the Fitness-for-Duty Rule

Dear Sir:

This letter requests that the NRC confirm the results of a conversation which took place on January 17, 1990 regarding the Fitness-for-Duty random drug testing requirement as it applies to those individuals who have unescorted access at both the Indian Point Three (IP3) and James A. FitzPatrick (JAF) Nuclear Power Plants.

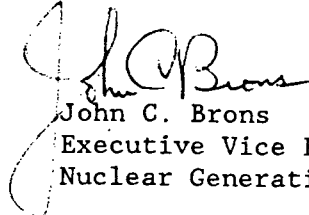
Mr. Peter Kokolakis, Director of PWR Licensing for the New York Power Authority, spoke with Mr. Loren Bush, Chief of Program Development and Review for the NRC's Reactor Inspection and Safeguards Division, on January 17, 1990 to discuss the feasibility of revising the Authority's random drug testing program to require those individuals who have unescorted access at both of the Authority's Nuclear Power Plants to be enrolled in the random drug testing program at only one of the two plants. Mr. Bush confirmed that it was sufficient to enter the names of those individuals who have unescorted access at both of the Authority's Nuclear Power Plants in only one of the two random drug testing pools.

The Authority plans to withdraw the names of those individuals who have unescorted access at both of the Authority's Nuclear Power Plants from the JAF random drug testing pool. The names of these individuals will remain in the IP3 random drug testing pool. By implementing the random drug testing requirement of the Fitness-for-Duty rule in this way, the testing rate for those individuals who have unescorted access at both JAF and IP3 will be the same as the testing rate for those individuals who have unescorted access at only one of the two plants (at least 100% annually).

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Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. P. Kokolakis or Ms. S. M. Toth of my staff.

Very truly yours,


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