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Docket No. 50-333
Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Response to Generic Letter 90-03
Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components

Reference: 1. NRC Generic Letter 90-03, Relaxation of Staff Position in
Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2, Part 2 "Vendor Interface for
Safety-Related Components."

Dear Sir:

In Generic Letter 90-03 (Reference 1), the NRC requested that the Authority review our vendor interface programs and confirm that the programs include the elements that the NRC staff considers essential. The Authority has evaluated the James A. FitzPatrick and Indian Point 3 vendor interface programs to assure that they include the essential elements described in Generic Letter 90-03.

The Indian Point 3 interface program already includes the essential elements. At FitzPatrick, existing procedures must be revised to incorporate two administrative features. With the implementation of these minor changes, the FitzPatrick program will include all essential elements.

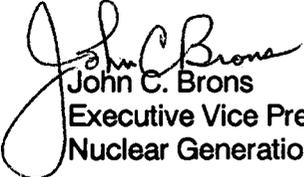
Attachment I summarizes the current status of both programs and provides an implementation schedule for changes to the FitzPatrick vendor interface program.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. B. Ellmers or Mr. P. Kokolakis.

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**RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 90-03
VENDOR INTERFACE PROGRAM REVIEW**

1.0 Introduction and Background

In Generic Letter 90-03 (Reference 1), the NRC staff asked the Authority to review our vendor interface programs to assure that they included two items that the NRC staff considers essential for an adequate vendor interface program. These essential elements are:

- (a) a program with the NSSS vendor as described in the VETIP and provisions for ensuring the receipt of contact, and
- (b) periodic contact with vendors of "key" safety-related components.

The Authority has completed its review of the vendor interface programs at both the FitzPatrick and Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plants. Both programs adhere to the guidance in the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) report issued in March, 1984 (Reference 2). Both programs also include the Nuclear Plant Reliability Data System (NPRDS) and the Significant Event Evaluation and Information Network (SEE-IN).

The Indian Point 3 interface program already includes the essential elements described in GL 90-03. At FitzPatrick, existing vendor interface program procedures, must be revised to fully incorporate all elements.

The paragraphs below summarize the current status of both programs and provides an implementation schedule for the FitzPatrick vendor interface program.

2.0 Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant

As indicated in a letter to the NRC staff dated May 17, 1985 (IPN-85-26, Reference 3), IP3 has implemented a Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program. The Indian Point 3 interface program already includes the essential elements described in GL 90-03.

2.1 NSSS Vendor Interface

The Authority has requested that the Westinghouse (IP3 NSSS vendor) Projects and Power Generation divisions provide a copy to the IP3 Document Control Center of all correspondence to the Power Authority. This action will ensure that a central control point at IP3 receives all Westinghouse information about safety-related equipment. All receipt acknowledgments required by Westinghouse letters will be performed by the IP3 Document Control Center.

2.2 Interface with Other Safety-Related Component Vendors

The Indian Point 3 Document Control Center staff has issued a procedure that addresses periodic (yearly) contact with the key safety-related equipment vendors. This procedure contains a questionnaire that is issued to each vendor to provide additional assurance that the proper technical information updates are being forwarded to the Authority. The yearly contact, by procedure, will be performed by mail. The site maintenance and engineering groups will be alerted if vendor support is unavailable for any key safety-related equipment. Indian Point 3 recently completed its second series of vendor contacts. The first series of vendor contacts was performed in 1988, at which time the Authority contacted, by phone, suppliers of safety-related vendor technical manuals as part of a manual update program.

3.0 James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant

As indicated in two letters to the NRC staff (References 4 and 5) the Authority has implemented a vendor interface program at FitzPatrick. However, the program does not include all of the essential elements outlined by the NRC staff in GL 90-03. Specifically, the existing program procedures do not (1) include provisions to assure the receipt of all NSSS vendor supplied information, or (2) require periodic contact with non-NSSS vendors of key, safety-related equipment. The Authority will revise the FitzPatrick VETIP procedures to incorporate these two administrative features as described below.

3.1 NSSS Vendor Interface

The Authority already has a program with the General Electric Company (NSSS vendor for FitzPatrick) to provide technical information applicable to the FitzPatrick plant as defined by INPO 84-010. The program does not, however include specific provisions for assuring the receipt of all technical information provided by the NSSS vendor.

The Authority will amend the existing program to include appropriate provisions to assure the receipt of all General Electric supplied information not later than October 31, 1990.

3.2 Interface with Other Safety-Related Component Vendors

The Authority has already identified non-NSSS, key safety-related equipment. The first series of vendor contacts were completed in 1989 as part of a program to update and verify manuals for key safety-related equipment. Vendors were contacted by telephone.

The FitzPatrick vendor manual control procedures include a checklist to provide additional assurance that the proper technical information updates are being provided. However, these procedures do not require periodic contact with vendors of key safety-related equipment.

The Authority will revise and implement changes to the FitzPatrick vendor manual control procedures to require annual contact with vendors of key, safety-related, non-NSSS equipment not later than October 31, 1990.

4.0 References

1. NRC Generic Letter 90-03, "Relaxation of Staff Position in Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2 Part 2, Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components."
2. NUTAC INPO 84-010, "Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program," March 1984.
3. NYPA letter, J.C. Brons to S.A. Varga, dated May 17, 1985 (IPN-85-26) regarding response to generic implications of Salem ATWS events (Generic Letter 83-28).
4. NYPA letter, J. P. Bayne to NRC dated November 9, 1983 (JPN-83-092) regarding response to generic implications of Salem ATWS events (Generic Letter 83-28).
5. NYPA letter, J. P. Bayne to NRC dated June 29, 1984 (JPN-84-042) regarding Generic Letter 83-28, required actions based on generic implications of Salem ATWS events.