Docket No. 50-286

Mr. Joseph E. Russell Resident Manager New York Power Authority Post Office Box 215 Buchanan, New York 10511

Dear Mr. Russell:

Subject: NRC Inspection No. 50-286/91-28

An unannounced safety inspection of the radiological controls program at your facility was conducted by S. Sherbini and J. Noggle on December 16 - 19, 1991. The inspection findings were discussed with members of your staff on December 19, 1991. Areas inspected included staffing and organization changes; radiological housekeeping and postings; training; ALARA status; and operation of the Health Physics (HP) counting laboratory.

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The station appeared well posted with radiological control signs, but some poor contamination control practices were noted. These are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. The HP training was well developed, and this year's projected annual collective station personnel exposure is at a very low, commendable level. The health physics (HP) counting laboratory was found to be well equipped and supervised by technically knowledgeable personnel. However, weaknesses were found relative to some basic Quality Assurance program requirements of the laboratory, specifically related to the quality of the laboratory procedures and to the lack of documentation of the QA/QC program. These are discussed in more detail in the enclosed report.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified. No response to this letter is required.



New York Power Authority

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Griginal Signed By: James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief Facilities Radiological Safety and Safeguards Branch Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

Enclosure:

NRC Inspection Report No. 50-286/91-28

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