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Docket No. 50-286

Mr. Joseph E. Russell  
Resident Manager  
New York Power Authority  
Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant  
Post Office Box 215  
Buchanan, New York 10511

Dear Mr. Russell:

**SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP)  
INITIAL REPORT NO. 50-286/91-99**

An NRC SALP Board conducted on September 29, 1992, reviewed and evaluated the performance of activities at Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant for the period of June 2, 1991 through August 15, 1992. The enclosed Initial SALP Report documents the results of this assessment.

Although activities at Indian Point 3 and the supporting functions provided by the New York Power Authority corporate office were conducted in a safe manner, overall performance this SALP period declined. Although radiological controls continued to be superior and the effectiveness of site security increased, management control weaknesses were noted in several functional areas, resulting in inadequate and untimely corrective action to address performance weaknesses and plant deficiencies. Ineffective management controls also contributed to the weak performance displayed by the engineering organization during the period.

We will schedule a management meeting to discuss the SALP evaluation at the Indian Point 3 site at a mutually agreeable date. This meeting will be open for public observation. At the SALP meeting you should be prepared to discuss the results of our assessment and your overall plans for making performance improvements. Additionally you are requested to provide written comments regarding our assessment with particular emphasis on those areas in which a performance decline was noted. These written comments should be provided within twenty days after the management meeting.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by:**  
**Thomas T. Martin**

Thomas T. Martin  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure:      Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report No.  
50-286/91-99

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