

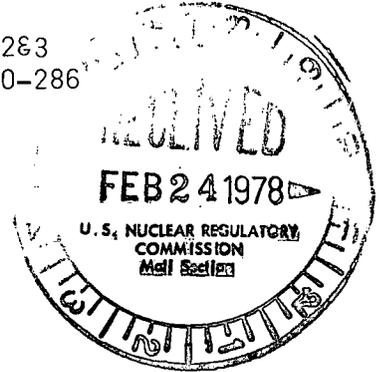
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February 22, 1978

Re: Indian Point Unit Nos. 2&3
Dockets Nos. 50-247 & 50-286

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
ATTN: Mr. Victor Stello, Jr., Director
Division of Operating Reactors
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555



Dear Mr. Stello:

In response to your February 2, 1978 letter, we and our NSSS vendor are presently evaluating the reactor cavity annulus seal ring as a potential missile in the event of a postulated loss-of-coolant accident.

At the present time, the cavity seal ring is left in place during normal operation on both Indian Point Units 2 and 3. However, the seal ring is backed-off the annulus space such that the reactor cavity is vented. Neither unit has biological shielding installed in the reactor cavity annulus. We expect that subject evaluation will be completed by March 31, 1978. If it is determined that the seal ring represents an unacceptable potential missile source, it will be removed from Unit 2 prior to startup following the on-going refueling outage and will be removed from Unit 3 prior to startup from the initial refueling outage currently scheduled to commence in May, 1978.

The postulated event of concern is a reactor coolant system pipe break inside the reactor vessel cavity. This type of pipe rupture was discussed in the generic Commission letter to all PWR licensees dated January 25, 1978. It was established in that letter that because of the low probability for occurrence of such an event, an adequate basis exists for continued operation of facilities for a short term period. Accordingly, continued operation of Indian Point Unit 3 until its first refueling outage will not create undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

Very truly yours,

William E. Caldwell, Jr.
Senior Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22ND day of February, 1978

Notary Public

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All Power Reactor Licensees

Gentlemen:

In order to increase our efficiency, we are developing an automated mailing system which utilizes computerized addressing and mailing equipment. You may have noted certain differences in format in several pieces of our recent correspondence for which we utilized this new system. Copies of correspondence that you receive which are distributed by this system may not indicate the names of everyone receiving a copy. Correspondence relating only to your facility will do so, but generic correspondence to more than one licensee, such as this letter, will indicate only an addressee group, e.g., "All Power Reactor Licensees", "All PWR Licensees", and will not indicate any service list addressees (cc's). However, a copy of any correspondence that you receive will always, be sent to everyone on the service list for your docket. A complete listing of all addressees will always be provided along with the copy of the correspondence in each applicable docket in the Washington, D. C. public document room and in each applicable local public document room.

Aside from advising you about our new mailing system and some of its idiosyncrasies, we would like to request your indulgence and cooperation in developing this system to its full potential. To this extent, we would appreciate your checking whether your address, as indicated on this correspondence, is precisely correct and advising us if it is not. Also, would you please advise us of any problems you might experience in receiving this correspondence that might be attributable to this new system or of any suggestions or comments that you might have on the system.

We expect that when the system is fully developed we will be able to serve you better and more quickly. We will appreciate your tolerance and cooperation until we have achieved that goal.

Sincerely,

Karl R. Goller

Karl R. Goller, Assistant Director
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Division of Operating Reactors

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