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Indian Point Station

Docket No. 50-247

Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region 1  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Grier,

This refers to Inspection 50-247/78-18, conducted by Mr. L. J. Norrholm, Reactor Inspector, on May 15 - 19, 1978, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-26 at Indian Point Station. Your June 7, 1978, letter stated that it appeared that certain of our activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation enclosed therewith as Appendix A. Our response to these items of non-compliance is presented in the following paragraphs.

Item A

The level indication (LT-920) and its associated low level alarm function for the refueling water storage tank became inoperable as the result of a frozen sensing line. As noted by your inspector, extraordinary measures were taken during this period to verify that the tank level met the volume requirements of Tech. Spec. 3.3.A.1.a. In placing emphasis on the maintenance of the required operating volume in the tank, proper consideration was not given to the alarm function associated with the subject indicator. All licensed operating personnel are being reinstructed on the significance of the refueling water storage tank level alarms and indicators as they relate to Technical Specifications. This instruction will be completed by July 15, 1978.

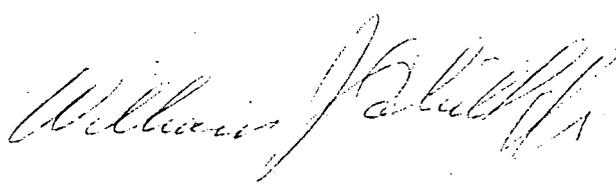
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Item B

The I & E Inspection Reports and QS&R Internal Audit Reports noted by your inspector have been formally reviewed by an assembled quorum of the Station Nuclear Safety Committee. It should be noted, however, that these documents had received prior review by several SNSC members, including the Chairman, in the course of developing responses and determining corrective action required as a result of these inspections. To preclude recurrence, the Technical Engineering Director will provide the SNSC Secretary with a copy of all I & E and QS&R Inspection Reports with specific instructions that they be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled SNSC meeting, whether or not they address violations.

Item C

The I & E Inspection Reports noted by your inspector have been formally reviewed by an assembled quorum of the Nuclear Facilities Safety Committee. To preclude recurrence, the Secretary, NFSC, will insure that all I & E Inspection Reports are reviewed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the NFSC, whether or not they address violations.

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