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Regulatory Docket File

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September 3, 1976

RE: Indian Point Unit No. 3
Docket No. 50-286

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
ATTN: Mr. Robert W. Reid, Chief
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Division of Reactor Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

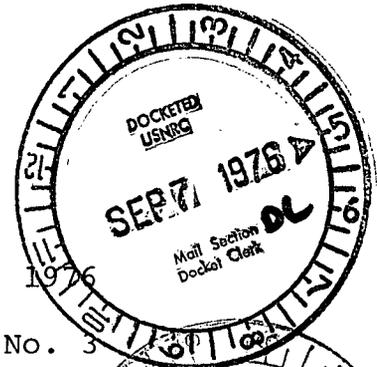
Consolidated Edison was requested by your letter dated August 11, 1976 to evaluate system designs to determine the susceptibility to overpressurization events and to notify you within 20 days that we will provide all the information requested within 60 days or explain why we cannot meet this schedule and provide the schedule that will be met.

This letter is to notify you that a task group of utilities with Westinghouse plants has been formed, of which Consolidated Edison and the Power Authority of the State of New York are participants, to examine the complexity of the overpressurization events and to identify similarities between Westinghouse plants for the purpose of determining a consistent solution to this issue. The task group will meet with Westinghouse for the purposes of establishing plant groupings and to evaluate the means by which the likelihood of additional occurrences of reactor vessel overpressurization events can be minimized.

Each utility will examine their plant's operating procedures and administrative controls during the 60 day period referenced in your April 11, 1976 letter. The purpose of this examination will be to evaluate procedural changes that will minimize the likelihood of overpressurization events. As an interim measure, the plant operating personnel will be informed of the potential for overpressurization and will be cautioned to minimize conditions which could cause such an event should reduced pressure and temperature operation occur before the detailed review is completed.

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The results of the task group meetings will be reported to the NRC by each utility at the end of the 60 day period. Recommendations and schedules will be given at that time as well as the results of the plant procedure review and resulting procedure revisions, if appropriate.

Should you have any questions concerning this program or the preliminary schedule described herein, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



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