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Re Indian Point Unit No. 3
AEC Docket No. 50-286

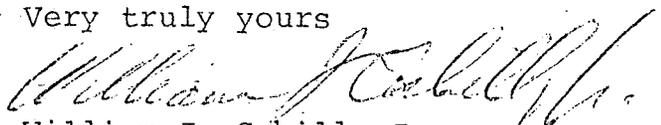
Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
Directorate of Regulatory Operations
Region 1
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
970 Broad Street
Newark, N. J. 07102

Dear Mr. O'Reilly

Your letter of November 8, 1972 referred to the inspection conducted by Mr. Allentuck of your office on October 26, 1972 at Indian Point Unit No. 3. During that inspection, traces of a stain of unknown origin were found on the interior of the reactor vessel surface. The purpose of this letter is to discuss the corrective action taken in regard to this matter.

At the time of the inspection, there was ongoing cladding overlay construction activity in the reactor vessel nozzles. This activity continues to date. In accordance with the applicable specification for cleanliness requirements during storage, erection and startup, the vessel is being maintained clean consistent with ongoing construction activities. This consists of daily cleanup of any residue left by the construction activities. Regarding corrective activity, the traces of stain mentioned above were removed from the vessel inner surface without difficulty. A portion of the surface has been left uncleaned pending resolution of the nature of the stain and will be cleaned following this resolution. In order to assure adequate cleanliness, a daily inspection is being made by a QC Inspector and a weekly inspection report made out and maintained on file. This inspection is performed in accordance with a written procedure and checklist. Samples of the stain have been taken and are presently undergoing analysis. It has been determined that there were no traces of chloride in the stain; however, further results of chemical analysis are not yet available. It is anticipated that the final results of this analysis will be available during December 1972. Records of this analysis and its final resolution will be maintained on-site for review by your personnel.

Very truly yours



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