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BWD 78-183

Mr. Paul F. Collins, Chief
Operator Licensing Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
7920 Norfolk Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Re: Indian Point 3 - Licensed Operator Requalification Program.

Dear Mr. Collins:

This letter is in reference to our telephone conversation on March 6, 1978. At that time I had requested your concurrence with a proposed deferral of planned portions of the approved operator requalification program. This deferral was requested due to a decrease in staff size and an impending refueling outage. As a result of our conversation, plans were made to implement an "accelerated schedule" following the outage to get the overall program back on a normal cycle as soon as possible.

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm our commitment to your office and outline the steps currently being implemented and/or planned to meet the commitment.

1. The program will be current and on a normal cycle by December 31, 1978.
2. Lectures will be conducted and lecture quizzes administered to those licensed operators receiving less than 80% grades on previous examinations. (To be started in September of 1978)
3. All four parts of the annual examination will be administered on or before December 31, 1978.
4. Administration of Section 13.4 of the approved program relating to operator self-study and documentation is in progress and will be continued.

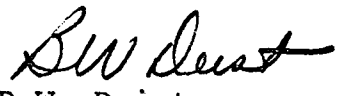
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- 5. Evaluation of operator actions under emergency and abnormal operations will be conducted following the outage as on the job training or on the simulator as appropriate.

We consider that our administration of the accepted Operator Requalification program as previously described meets the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54 (i-1) with respect to having in effect an operator requalification program within the three month time frame and that the steps outlined above do not constitute a modification of the approved program.

On August 23, 1978, an inspection was performed by Mr. Donald Beckman of the office of Inspection and Enforcement, Region I. Discussions with Mr. Beckman indicate that the above commitments are being carried as an unresolved item (286/78-26-01) pending your acceptance of our current administration of the program.

Very truly yours,



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