



ATTACHMENT 1

Docket No. 50-286  
LER-79-010/03L-0

The Power Authority of the  
State of New York

The plant was operating at 85 percent power.

On August 23, 1979, the condensate storage tank level dropped below the 360,000 gallon limit designated by Technical Specification 3.4.A(3) to a level of 342,000 gallons. The incident was caused by normal use of the steam generator blowdown system. Water from the condensate storage tank is used to make up for the water lost due to steam generator blowdown. At this time, our usual demineralized water source at Consolidated Edison (Indian Point Unit 1) was out of service for repairs, and water was being supplied from the Indian Point Unit 2 hot well. The water level in the condensate storage tank, however, sank more quickly than could be immediately compensated for, causing the level to drop below specification.

This incident occurred at 1158 hours. By 1545 hours enough water had been supplied to bring the condensate storage tank level above 360,000 gallons. This is within the 48-hour limit designated by Technical Specification 3.4.B.

Throughout this incident, city water backup systems were available. In order to prevent similar future incidents, a demineralized water plant is presently under construction at Indian Point Unit 3.

Performance of the reactor was not affected by this incident. Similar events were reported on September 2, 1978 (LER 78-026/03L-0) September 7, 1978 (LER 78-028/03L-0) and March 27, 1979 (LER 79-004/03L-0).