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Indian Point Station
Docket No. 50-286

Mr. Eldon J. Brunner, Chief
Reactor Operations and Nuclear Support Branch
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I
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King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Brunner

This refers to Inspection No. 50-286/77-01, conducted by your Mr. J. Streeter on January 10-14, 1977 of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-64 at our Indian Point Station. Your February 23, 1977 letter stated that it appeared that one of our activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. This particular activity was set forth in the Notice of Violation enclosed as Appendix A to your letter. Our response to this item of apparent noncompliance is as follows:

A formal safety evaluation dealing with the sampling procedures for containment pressure relief operations has been completed.

This safety analysis indicates that the sampling and analysis of containment air prior to pressure relieving operations is unnecessary in view of the fact that other alternate methods are used to account for this activity and assure that releases of radioactive materials in gaseous effluents are properly monitored and controlled. The safety analysis concluded that no unreviewed safety question is created by this procedure change.

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In addition, all personnel responsible for the preparation, review or approval of procedures have been cautioned to adhere to the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50.59(b); i.e., a written safety evaluation be provided where required.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. Kelly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Very truly yours".