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Docket No. 50-286

Power Authority of the State of New York
Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
ATTN: Mr. William Josiger
Resident Manager
P. O. Box 215
Buchanan, New York 10511

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report 50-286/89-80

The report of the special maintenance team inspection (along with Appendices 1 through 3) led by Mr. George Napuda of this office from March 27 to April 7 and April 24 to 29, 1989, at the Indian Point Generating Station, Unit 3 (IP3), Buchanan, New York, is enclosed. Mr. Napuda discussed the team's findings with you and members of your staff on April 7 and with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection on April 28, 1989.

This inspection was performed as part of NRC's industry-wide effort to evaluate the effectiveness of maintenance activities at licensed power reactors. The team concluded that IP3 is implementing a generally effective maintenance program, with strengths in some areas and weaknesses in others. The results of the inspection are summarized in the Executive Summary to the report, and Appendix 3 provides a listing of the identified weaknesses with a cross reference to the applicable section of the inspection report.

We request that you notify us in writing, within 60 days of receipt of this letter, of actions taken or planned to enhance your maintenance activities in the areas where weaknesses were identified. You are requested to respond to NRC concerns identified in Section 3.2.3 of the attached report regarding the installation of undocumented gauges.

Further, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A to this letter. This violation has been categorized a severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C. (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this notice and should follow the instructions provided in Appendix A in preparing your response.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Bruce A. Boger, Acting Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-286/89-80

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