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Re: Indian Point Unit No. 2
Docket No. 50-247

Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region I
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

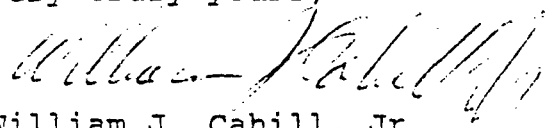
Indian Point Unit No. 2 Technical Specification 6.9.2.c requires that a visual fuel inspection program be conducted on the two lead burnup assemblies in each region during the first, second and third refueling shutdowns. The intent of this specification is to provide the Commission with added verification of the safety and reliability of pre-pressurized Zircaloy-clad nuclear fuel via a visual fuel inspection program. The results of such inspections conducted during the unit's first and second refueling shutdowns were provided to the Commission by our submittals of August 10, 1976 and August 18, 1978, respectively. Transmitted herewith, as an attachment to this letter, is a report of the visual fuel inspection conducted during the unit's recently completed third refueling shutdown.

As was the case for the first two refueling inspections, no clad flattening or evidence of fuel cladding failure, or any other condition which could lead to unacceptable fuel performance was observed during this third inspection. Accordingly, the entire fuel inspection program required by Technical Specification 6.9.2.c has been completed.

In our opinion, the successful results of this program provide verification of the safety and reliability of pre-pressurized Zircaloy-clad nuclear fuel at Indian Point Unit No. 2, as intended.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,


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