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Re: Indian Point Unit No. 2
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SUBJECT: Receiving Inspection

This letter discusses a planned change regarding receiving inspection functions.

Revision 7 of the Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD) which was submitted December 27, 1989 specified in section 5.2.13 and 5.2.14 that receiving inspections of incoming safety related items are performed by Nuclear Power Quality Assurance (NPQA) inspection personnel. The receiving inspection activities include:

- o preparation of receiving inspection checklists;
- o inspection of material;
- o documenting inspection results;
- o recommending corrective action;
- o issuing receiving inspection reports;
- o identifying status of receiving inspections;
- o dispositioning receiving inspection reports.

The above activities are currently performed by a staff of three to four NPQA personnel during non-outage periods. The staff is augmented during refueling outages.

Consistent with an overall objective of strengthening quality assurance activities in line functions, it is intended that the responsibility for accomplishing the above receiving inspection activities be assigned from NPQA to the Material Procurement (MP) group.

MP is a group which reports to the General Manager Nuclear Power Generation. The functions of MP include preparing, issuing and controlling purchase orders initiated by the plant, material procurement and inventory control of safety related stock items.

Both the NPQA receiving inspection function and inspectors who normally perform this function will be transferred to MP. The receiving inspection function will report to a manager within MP and will be independent of the function directly responsible for placement of purchase orders, expediting procurement and commercial negotiations, thereby providing sufficient organizational freedom.

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We have concluded that the assignment of the receiving inspection function from NPQA to MP does not constitute a "reduction in commitment" per 10 CFR 50.54(3). Accordingly, it is intended that the above changes be implemented in the near future. Additionally, the changes will be further documented in revision 8 of the QAPD which will be submitted by year-end.

The QA organization will continue to audit receiving inspection activities.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Charles W. Jackson, Manager, Nuclear Safety and Licensing.

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