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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
**Revised Schedule for the Submittal of the Indian Point 3
Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Report**

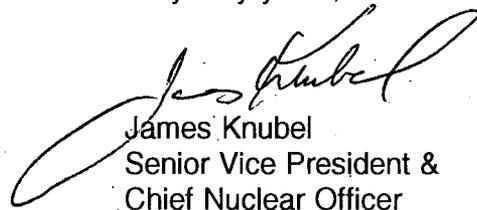
Reference: NYPA letter, W. J. Cahill, Jr. to NRC (JPN-95-042/IPN-95-093), "New Schedule for Submittal of Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Reports," dated September 6, 1995.

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC that the schedule for submitting the Indian Point 3 Individual Examination of External Events (IPEEE) report has been changed from June 30, 1997 to September 30, 1997. The previous submittal schedule for both of the Authority's nuclear facilities was identified in the referenced letter. The IPEEE report for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant was submitted in accordance with that schedule. However, due to unanticipated emerging issues and resource constraints, an additional three months will be needed to complete the IPEEE report for the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant. Further information regarding the basis for this schedule change is provided in Attachment 1. The commitment made in this letter is listed in Attachment 2.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours,


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Attachment 1 to IPN-97-028

Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant

Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Report Schedule Revision

With the exception of the reviews, the evaluation of the IPEEE events, other than Seismic and Fire, are complete.

Fire PRA: The ignition frequency analysis has been completed. The first draft of the cable database and fire system fault tree models has been developed. Preliminary walkdown of potentially critical fire zones is in progress.

Seismic PRA: Initial walkdowns and seismic screening have been completed. The event tree and system models have been developed.

An additional three months to September 30, 1997 will be needed to complete the project and prepare a report for submittal to the NRC. The basis for this revision follows.

Several emerging tasks have diverted some of the plant site and headquarters support personnel from the IPEEE project. These tasks include:

- IPE Update analysis for the FitzPatrick plant.
- Support of the FitzPatrick Maintenance Rule NRC baseline inspection scheduled for this summer.
- Support of the IP3 Maintenance Rule NRC baseline inspection.

Further, some of the tasks associated with the IPEEE project have either proven to be more difficult than originally anticipated, or have been impacted by personnel resource limitations, as explained below:

- Availability of IP3 site personnel for the NUREG-1407 required review of the IPEEE will be limited by the plant refuel outage scheduled to start in the spring of 1997.
- Completion of the fire PRA cable routing task was delayed by personnel resource constraints.
- Locating specific critical cable routing information required a more extensive search of design documents than originally expected.
- Delays encountered with the performance of the detailed fire modeling has impacted the schedule for completion of the fire PRA, and the multi-compartment interaction task. The complexity of the fire modeling, which requires that the effects of individual postulated fires be analyzed with respect to cable and core damage frequency, has required more time to complete than originally anticipated.

The IPE and IPEEE for both the Indian Point 3 and the FitzPatrick plants have been developed by in-house engineers with minimal contractor support. This approach enhances the Authority's continuing capability of applying the IPE / IPEEE results to plant safety issues. An additional increase of short-term staff (contractors or NYPA employees) not only is in conflict with this approach, but would not improve the ability to meet the previous schedule. This is due to the high entry-level knowledge which is necessary for an engineer to become a productive member of the IPEEE project team. A staff addition would divert current resources for training and would result in little or no productivity gain.

Therefore, for the reasons stated above, the Authority is extending the IPEEE submittal schedule to September 30, 1997.

Attachment 2 to IPN-97-028

Summary of Commitments

Number	Commitment	Due Date
IPN-97-028-01	Submit Indian Point 3 IPEEE Report to the NRC	September 30, 1997

Attachment 3 to IPN-97-028

Internal List of Commitments

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS ATTACHMENT TO THE NRC

Number	Commitment	Due Date	Responsible Dept/Manager
IPN-97-028-01	Submit Indian Point 3 IPEEE Report to the NRC	September 30, 1997	Reactor Engineering G. Grochowski