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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Part Length CRDM Housing Issue at Prairie Island Unit 2

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you of the actions planned by the New York Power Authority to address the part length Control Rod Drive Mechanism (CRDM) housing issue for Indian Point 3 (IP3). The Authority is a participating member of the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) effort to address the CRDM housing issue. Specific plans to address the CRDM housing issue will be based upon the results of the inspection and removal of the housings from other plants, and on the progress of related WOG and utility activities prior to the IP3 scheduled refueling outage in September of 1999.

An action plan was developed to evaluate the recommendations of the WOG for IP3. These actions which are in progress or planned, include:

- the review of plant specific records for the part length CRDMs,
- determining the adequacy of NDE techniques to accurately inspect and detect the size weld flaws in part length CRDMs,
- reviewing compensatory measures for a potential leak in part length CRDMs,
- reviewing actions taken by other plants and,
- exploring contingency plans.

Operations watch personnel have been advised of and are aware of this issue, including potential Reactor Coolant system leakage from a part length CRDM housing leak. Classroom and simulator training on Small Break LOCA was covered as part of the operator re-qualification cycle conducted in September through October 1997. The Daily Plan of the Day report has and continues to list the daily total and unidentified RCS leak rate. Shift turnover meetings, with the on-coming crews, covering plant status includes the unidentified RCS leak rate.

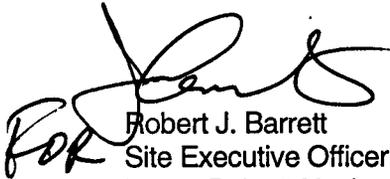
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As far as detecting a leak, the 0.025 – 0.25 gpm detection sensitivity range capability from the containment gaseous and air particulate monitors provide one of the most sensitive and rapid methods for detecting small amounts of Reactor Coolant leakage. Containment sump level is measured and tracked daily via the containment sump integrator by the control room operators. Data collected during 1996 and 1997 confirmed the ability to detect and verify Reactor Coolant leakage in containment of as little as 0.1 gpm. These detection capabilities are adequate to alert operations personnel to take appropriate action in accordance with established procedures.

New information and recommendations by the WOG will be assessed for inclusion into the action plan. The commitments made by the Authority in this letter are contained in Attachment I. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. K. Peters (914) 736-8029.

Sincerely,



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COMMITMENT LIST

Number	Commitment	Due Date
IPN-98-041-01	Retrieve and review plant specific records for the part length CRDMs.	August 17, 1998
IPN-98-041-02	Review actions taken by other plants to determine whether to test or replace the part length CRDMs.	Prior to next refueling outage (RO10)



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SUBJECT: CLOSEOUT OF CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER 1-93-009

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On June 17, 1993, the NRC issued Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) 1-93-009, to confirm the New York Power Authority's (NYPA's) commitments regarding performance improvements at Indian Point 3 prior to restart from an outage which began on February 27, 1993. NYPA letter dated June 12, 1995, informed the NRC that Indian Point 3 was ready to be restarted and delineated NYPA's power ascension oversight plan. By NRC letter dated June 19, 1995, the NRC modified CAL 1-93-009 to authorize restart of Indian Point 3 and confirm NYPA's power ascension commitments.

A recent review of past NRC enforcement actions revealed that we did not take formal action to close CAL 1-93-009. Upon review of the docket, we have determined that all CAL 1-93-009 commitments were, in fact, completed; failure to previously close the CAL was an oversight. By this letter, CAL 1-93-009 is closed.

Should you have any questions in this matter, please contact John Rogge of my staff at (610) 337-5146.

Sincerely,

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