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Dear Mr. Knubel:

We are currently processing the subject amendment request. However, for the review of the subject amendment request to continue, we must request additional information at this time. The enclosure delineates the additional information required.

Please provide the information requested in order to expedite this process. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-1494.

Sincerely,

/S/

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RELIEF REQUEST FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF 10 CFR 50.55a
RELATED TO CONTAINMENT REPAIR/REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS
INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 3

1. In describing the reasons for the relief request, you state, "to accommodate procedural and possible personnel qualification changes needed to implement the provision." This does not seem to be any indication of "unusual difficulty" or "hardship" that would require 1-year to implement the rule for repair and replacement (R/R) activities. Please provide a realistic assessment of how far you are in implementing Section XI Articles IWE-4000, IWL-4000, IWE-7000, IWL-7000 for R/R activities, and what factors prevent you from implementing them immediately.
2. In describing the proposed alternative requirements for repair and replacement activities, a reference is made to FSAR Section 5.1.1.5. A review of the FSAR section indicates a listing of Codes and Standards used during the construction of seismic Category I structures. If procedures are set up to perform the containment R/R activities that could satisfy the design basis requirements, then, please provide a summary of such procedures.

Enclosure