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Mr. Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator
Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information as required by the Special Reports section (6.9.2) of the Indian Point Three (IP3) Technical Specifications.

Technical Specifications Section 3.14, "Fire Protection and Detection Systems" section D.2.b. states that: "The minimum operable instrumentation required in Table 3.14-1 shall be restored within 14 days or a Special Report shall be prepared and submitted to the Commission pursuant to specification 6.9.2.e within the next 30 days outlining the cause of the malfunction and the plans for restoring the instrumentation to operable status."

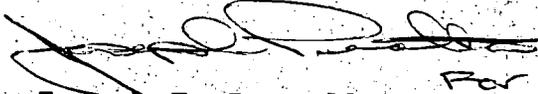
On November 13, 1990 during the performance of the semi-annual fire protection system smoke detectors test, zone 148 was declared inoperable. Zone 148 provides smoke detection for the 41' elevation of the Primary Auxiliary Building component cooling pump area. Problems were found with three zone smoke detectors and the zone alarm module. A fire watch was established and a 14 day Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) expiring on November 27, 1990, was entered. The alarm module and the detectors were replaced. Zone 148 was retested and returned to service on December 3, 1990.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this issue please contact Mr. M. Peckham of my staff.

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Sincerely,



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