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Mr. Thomas T. Martin
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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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 Unit Three (IP3) Technical Specifications.

Technical Specifications Section 3.14.C, "Penetration Fire Barriers" states that for non-functional fire barrier penetration(s) between the Control Building and Turbine Building and Cable Spreading Room and Electrical Tunnels that a special report to the Commission in accordance with specification 6.9.2.f is required if the penetrations are not restored to a functional status within seven days. The special report is required within the next 30 days outlining the actions taken, the cause of the non-functional penetration(s) and plans for restoration of the fire barrier penetration(s) to functional status.

On April 5, and 6, 1993, during the performance of 3PT-Q15, "Penetration Fire Barrier Inspections", damming material on the face of eight (8) penetrations separating the Control Building from the Turbine Building and eleven (11) penetrations separating the Control Building from the Electrical Tunnels was found missing. A seven (7) day Limiting Condition of Operation (LCO) was entered on April 5th and 6th with expiration dates of April 12th and 13th. A fire watch was established in the affected areas.

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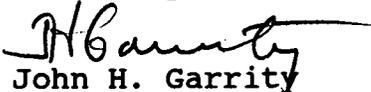
The missing material consisted of small pieces (25 sq. inches in one case, less than 9 sq. inches in all other cases) of Ceraboard and Kaowool around cabling installed through the penetrations. Ceraboard and Kaowool is part of the qualified design of the affected penetrations and acts as an integrity barrier on each penetration seal face.

Ceraboard and Kaowool affected penetration seal faces with the penetrations returned to operable and functional status on April 13th and 14th, respectively.

The cause for the missing material is still under investigation by the IP3 Operations Experience Review Group (OERG). Corrective action other than repair of the affected penetration seals consists of the performance of 3PT-R100, "Fire Barrier Penetration Seal Inspection". Performance of this procedure covers inspections of Branch Technical Position 9.5-1, Appendix A and 10CFR 50, Appendix R fire penetrations throughout the plant. The procedure and any required fire penetration seal repairs will be completed before startup of the plant from the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) Outage. The OERG root cause report and all corrective actions will be presented to the IP3 NRC Senior Resident Inspector for his review upon completion of those efforts. The commitments being made by the Authority are listed in Attachment 1.

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

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT 1

LIST OF COMMITMENTS MADE IN LETTER IPN-93-029

<u>COMMITMENT #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE DUE</u>
IPN-93-029 -01	Perform 3PT-R100 for all Appendix A and Appendix R Barriers.	All actions to be completed prior to startup from the PIP Outage.
IPN-93-029 -02	Complete cause evaluation and any corrective action determination and present to IP3 Senior Resident Inspector.	All actions to be completed prior to startup from the PIP Outage.