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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
30 Day Special Report to the NRC Related
to the Expiration of a 7 Day Limiting
Condition of Operation of Nonfunctional
Central Control Room (CCR) Penetration
Fire Barriers.

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 if the fire barriers between the cable spreading room and central control room are non-functional, when required, the penetrations must be restored to a functional status within seven (7) days or a special report to the commission is required per specification 6.9.2.f. The special report is required within thirty (30) days and must outline the action taken, the cause of the non-functional penetration(s) and plans for restoration of the fire barrier penetration(s) to functional status.

Modification (MOD) 91-3-043 FW, which rewired the feed regulating valve controllers, required a breach in a penetration located in the control room floor. A limited condition of operation (LCO) was entered at 1000 hours on August 26, 1993 when the breach was to be made. A preexisting hourly fire watch patrol met the requirements of Technical Specification section 3.14.C.2.a.ii. The 7 day LCO was exceeded, and a 30 day report was required, when the penetration and its

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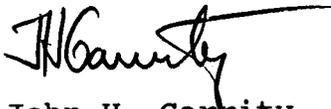
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barrier was not restored to a functional condition before 1000 hours on September 2, 1993. The penetration and its barrier was declared functional at 1445 hours on September 3, 1993.

Work on the modification did not start until 5 days after the LCO was declared. Following completion of the modification, the penetration was tested on September 1, 1993 by the performance group. The test failed due to air infiltration through the penetration. The flamastic applied to seal the penetration through a transite board did not have time to cure following construction and did not provide an adequate seal during retesting on the morning of September 2, 1993.

The penetration and barrier functional capability was not restored by 1000 hours on September 2, 1993 because the construction engineer responsible for the project did not notify the construction supervisor of the 7 day LCO completion date requirement so that work could be scheduled to meet that date. Corrective action has been completed. Construction engineers were instructed to coordinate with the construction supervisor whenever work they are responsible for requires entry into an LCO so that work can be scheduled within the allowed outage time. No new commitments are being made by this submittal.

Very truly yours,



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