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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
License No. DPR-64
Withdrawal of Licensee Event Report # 97-029-00
**Plant Potentially Outside Design Basis Due To New Information
Indicating Some Fuel Rods May Have The Pellet-To-Clad Gap
Reopen Causing The Clad Oxidation Limit To Be Exceeded**

REFERENCE: 1. NYPA letter IPN-98-056, Fuel Rod Internal Pressure and Effects
on Gap Reopening, dated May 18, 1998

Dear Sir:

The subject Licensee Event Report (LER) 97-029-00 was submitted by letter on November 25, 1997 to report an event potentially outside the plant design basis. NYPA reported to NRC (Reference 1) that a subsequent assessment by Westinghouse has determined that the pellet-to-clad gap is not predicted to occur through the projected completion of Cycle 10. The plant is therefore not currently outside its design basis relative to this issue. Therefore, NYPA is withdrawing LER 97-029-00.

The Authority is making no new commitments in this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. Barrett'.
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