

May 3, 1995

Mr. Leslie Hill, Jr.  
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**SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-286/95-02**

Dear Mr. Hill:

This refers to the safety inspection conducted by Messr. T. Frye and others of this office, from February 12, 1995, through March 27, 1995. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant, Buchanan, New York. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and members of your staff at an exit meeting on March 30, 1995.

This inspection was directed toward areas important to public health and safety. Areas examined are identified in the enclosed report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Overall the activities observed were effective in assuring the safe operation of the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant. NYPA staff performed well during observed events, evolutions, and maintenance activities during this inspection period. These included the response to the loss of 138 kv offsite power, performance of station blackout testing, and reactor coolant system fill and vent evolutions. Efforts to resolve safety injection pump equipment problems involving a shaft lock nut and insufficient lube oil cooling water flow were also noteworthy. However, consistent high levels of performance have not yet been achieved as demonstrated by the narrow focus taken in addressing equipment status light bulb failures.

Your identification of an uncontrolled high radiation area in the primary auxiliary building was determined to be a violation of NRC requirements. This violation had minor safety significance and your corrective actions were both prompt and appropriate. In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, section VII.B.2, of the Enforcement Policy, this violation will not be cited.

Section 4.1 of this report describes component cooling flow to the safety injection pump lube oil coolers that was less than the design basis flow. We acknowledge your efforts that resulted in the identification of the deficiency and the fact that the newly calculated minimum flow was obtained at all times. In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, section VII.B.2, of the Enforcement Policy, this violation will not be cited.

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Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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Docket No. 50-286

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