April 26, 1996

Mr. Robert J. Barrett Plant Manager New York Power Authority Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant Post Office Box 215 Buchanan, NY 10511

SUBJECT:

NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-286/96-04

Dear Mr. Barrett:

This letter refers to the emergency preparedness exercise inspection conducted by Mr. D. Silk and others of this office on April 9-12, 1996 of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-64 at the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Silk with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined in this inspection are important to public health and safety, and are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of observations of on-site activities during the annual emergency preparedness exercise held on April 10, 1996. The inspectors observed activities at several of the emergency facilities from which the on-site response was demonstrated.

Your overall response to the exercise scenario was good. No exercise strengths or weaknesses were identified. The post exercise critique was thorough and appropriately self-critical. No safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed.

No response to this letter is required. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely. rignal Signed By:

Richard R. Keimig, Chief **Emergency Preparedness** and Safeguards Branch

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