

August 21, 1996

Mr. Robert J. Barrett
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Post Office Box 215
Buchanan, NY 10511

SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-286/96-07 AND NOTICE
OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On July 28, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Indian Point 3 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. Please note that this report is written in accordance with the new NRC standardized reactor inspection report outline and, as such, will typically not address all of the topics established by that outline.

During the eight-week period covered by this inspection, you conducted activities at the Indian Point 3 reactor facility safely and conservatively. However, we are concerned about weaknesses in the effective implementation of the work control process, and the thoroughness in which design and licensing information are reflected in maintenance and operations instructions. In particular, work control schedules and goals were not met. Additionally, we noted instances where design and licensing information was not reflected in operating instructions. Of the identified examples, we recognized that all but one were attributable to past performance and that these examples were of low safety consequence. However, the examples were either self-revealed or identified by the NRC, indicating the need for continued vigilance by your staff to identify and correct these deficiencies.

Additionally, we are concerned about a violation of NRC requirements that was identified. Your protective tagging process was weak in that it allowed two valves to be controlled with one "Hold" tag. This resulted in the operation of a bleed valve in the containment spray system, contrary to the requirements of Administrative Procedure 10.1, revision 13, "Protective Tagging."

This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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Reactor Projects Branch 2
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Docket No. 50-286
License No. DPR-64

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1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-286/96-07

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