

November 15, 1996

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

SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-286/96-10

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On November 3, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Indian Point 3 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the seven-week period covered by this inspection, you conducted activities at the Indian Point 3 reactor facility safely and conservatively. Your actions to reduce power and take the main generator off line to repair an electrical conduit exemplified this safe and conservative operation. These actions facilitated the thorough extent of review condition and excellent actions to facilitate the monitoring of bolt and conduit tightness. As a result, you identified several other conduits and bolts which loosened due to generator lead box vibrations.

We remain concerned with the material condition of the service water system. In this inspection period, the service water pump check valves were found severely degraded, additional leaks were identified, and the material condition of the backup water system was found to be poor. In the last inspection period, we initiated an NRC open item to review your service water system improvement plans. We request that you provide your assessments and planned corrective actions to address service water system issues on the public docket within 60 days of this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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