

November 14, 1997

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 50-286/97-09

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On November 3, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Indian Point 3 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the six-week period covered by this inspection, you conducted activities at the Indian Point 3 reactor facility with an appropriate focus on safe plant operations. While we acknowledge your good use of engineering self assessments and your ongoing activities to improve the modification process, we noted some examples of weak engineering performance in support of emergent plant activities and development of modifications. The examples include the aborted alteration of the control room ventilation system and a plant power reduction to 40 percent to remove clogged heater drain pump suction strainers. These weaknesses highlight the need to continue your improvement efforts in the area of engineering.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

John F. Rogge, Chief
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