

June 23, 1998

Mr. Robert J. Barrett  
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Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant  
Post Office Box 215  
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-286/98-02  
AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On May 18, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at your Indian Point 3 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the eight-week period covered by this inspection, you conducted activities at the Indian Point 3 reactor facility with an appropriate focus on safe plant operations. However, we are concerned by the operations department acceptance and implementation of unapproved and uncontrolled instructions to fill and vent portions of the charging system following corrective maintenance. The fill and vent evolution was performed with the system in an abnormal configuration and had the potential to impact the operation of the chemical and volume control system. As a result, an approved procedure was required for this activity. The failure to implement an approved procedure for this activity is considered a violation of NRC requirements.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation is 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.

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,



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1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-286/98-02

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