

July 21, 1998

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

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-286/98-03

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On June 29, 1998, 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. Operators performed well in response to several equipment problems. Operator actions were timely and appropriate, and inter-crew communications were good. However, we noted a recent increase in the number of equipment failures, which challenged both the operators and the plant. Although no commonality among the equipment problems was readily apparent, your initiation of an integrated assessment of recent equipment performance was appropriate.

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:

David C. Lew, Chief
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