

December 21, 1998

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

SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION 50-286/98-07

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On November 15, 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. We have concluded that you are implementing a security program that effectively protects against acts of radiological sabotage.

However, during inspection follow-up of your July 15, 1998, reply to previous violations documented in inspection report 50-286/98-81, two errors were noted. The corrective action to violation 50-286/98-81-01 indicated that two calculations had been superseded when, although steps had been initiated to supersede both calculations, the final action had been completed on only one. For violation 50-286/98-81-02, while the corrective action stated that procedure 3PT-R032 had been revised, the procedure was later inappropriately revised in October, 1997 to an incorrect acceptance criteria. While neither error has safety significance, we are concerned that actions discussed in a reply to a notice of violation were not consistent with the actions being taken by the plant staff.

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).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact me at (610) 337-5146.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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