

July 23, 1999

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 50-286/99-03

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On June 16, 1999, 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. Overall, some improvements in station work control were noted during this inspection. However, work control implementation challenges continued. Most notably, an inadequate protective tagout for an atmospheric steam relief valve could have resulted in a significant plant and personnel hazard. In addition, the root causes associated with this inadequate tagout were not identified by your corrective action program. Lastly, an improper gasket staged for a maintenance activity extended the unavailability of the 33 emergency diesel generator.

Your radioactive liquid and gaseous effluent control programs were inspected by a Region I radiation specialist during this inspection period. This inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The programs were effectively established, implemented, and maintained in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC determined that two Severity Level IV violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are being treated as a Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. The NCVs regarding the failure to identify the root cause of an inadequate protective tagout and an emergency power technical specification surveillance test that was not met are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest these non-cited violations or the severity level of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region I; and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Indian Point facility.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

S. Barber for

John F. Rogge, Chief

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