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MEMORANDUM TO: New York Power Authority Assessment Panel (NAP) Members
FROM: Curtis J. Cowgill, NAP Chairman *C. Cowgill*
SUBJECT: MINUTES FROM NAP MEETING 95-04

NAP meeting 95-04 began at 9:30 a.m. on March 9, 1995, in the Region I Incident Response Center. Mr. Cowgill opened the meeting by rearranging the agenda so that the safety injection system enforcement issue would be discussed following the opening comments to accommodate personnel availability. Mr. Cowgill stated that revision 4 to the Indian Point 3 (IP3) Restart Action Plan (RAP) was issued March 3, 1995, and it was forwarded to the utility via a letter dated March 8, 1995. Mr. Cowgill also discussed his meeting with members of New York Governor Pataki's staff on February 28, 1995. Topics discussed included the: resident inspector program; NAP; IP3 history; and the restart process. Governor Pataki's staff also requested a plant tour, which will be arranged through the utility.

Mr. Lew and Mr. Rasmussen led the enforcement panel discussion concerning the auxiliary safety injection component cooling water pumps. The concern was that a technical specification change in 1990 increased the minimum required flow rate through the lube oil coolers to 4 gallons per minute (GPM); recent testing by NYPA found the worst case flow rate to be about 3.5 GPM. After lengthy discussions, the panel reached the conclusion that this deficiency would not be classified higher than a Severity Level III violation; therefore, in accordance with past precedent for IP3, enforcement discretion could apply. This issue will be handled accordingly in the next resident inspector report. Mr. Cooper questioned what the NRC should expect concerning technical corrective actions; i.e. surveillance testing of the auxiliary safety injection component cooling water pumps' flow rates. Mr. Conicella will seek technical assistance in Headquarters so that this issue can also be addressed in the resident inspection report.

Mr. Urban reviewed the minutes from NAP meeting 95-03. One follow-up action concerned engineering change notices (ECNs) bypassing safety evaluations at IP3. The resident inspectors are still following the issue but explained there was not much guidance available for precedent. Mr. Meyer will seek technical help from his division to assist the resident inspectors. This issue will be addressed at the next NAP meeting. A second follow-up action concerned a need for more information surrounding debris found in fuel assemblies at FitzPatrick. A meeting to discuss this issue occurred on March 9, 1995 in Rockville, MD. A third follow-up action concerned a method to address missing Transite board following the 1989 refueling outage at IP3. This issue will be discussed for enforcement action and will be addressed outside of an inspection report under separate correspondence to NYPA. No additional panel comments were received concerning the minutes, all actions were addressed and the minutes stand as issued on March 7, 1995.

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Mr. Cowgill discussed the FitzPatrick plant status. The containment integrated leak rate test was recently completed successfully. The reactor coolant system hydrostatic test is scheduled for March 11, 1995. Concerns surrounding industrial safety practices while retubing the main condenser were brought to NYPA's attention and were adequately addressed.

Mr. Lew discussed the current IP3 plant status. The current schedule shows heatup for March 20, 1995, but most likely will slip beyond that date due to the amount of testing yet to be completed. Mr. Lew discussed the licensed operator response in the control room to the loss of offsite power event that occurred February 27, 1995. Operator actions were methodical and well thought out. Power could have been restored quickly had it been necessary, but the emergency diesel generators (EDGs) were carrying loads easily. NYPA successfully recovered from the event and the only problem encountered was a room cooling fan for one of the EDGs failing to start. The licensee and resident inspectors are following this issue. Additionally, a safety injection system flow balance test was successfully run on March 8, 1995. Test results have been submitted to Westinghouse for analysis.

Mr. Cowgill discussed the licensee's readiness for the Restart Assessment Team Inspection (RATI). NYPA should be submitting their letter to the NRC stating that they are ready for the RATI early during the week of March 13, 1995. The team is scheduled to begin on site inspection March 27, 1995, and will probably occur during two consecutive weeks, as opposed to the original plan of a split week back in Region I.

Mr. Lew discussed the status of the two remaining open restart issues assigned to DRP. RAP Item 2.III.13, Modification Acceptance Tests, should be ready for NRC inspection the week of March 13, 1995. NYPA is further evaluating RAP Item 2.II.11, ECCS Strainers, concerning chipped paint in containment. Mr. Meyer discussed the status of seven open restart issues assigned to DRS. Three items need some additional NRC review and should be ready for closure in the next one to two weeks. The licensee owes information on the four remaining items before they can be closed. Panel members discussed the need to raise the request for additional information to a higher level within the NYPA organization. Mr. Lew suggested that he raise this question at the Plant Leadership Team meeting; Panel members agreed with this approach.

Some additional topics were discussed at the end of the meeting including a site visit by NRC senior management on April 18, 1995 (Messrs. Russell, Thadani and Martin) and the need for weekly NAP meetings. The panel felt at this time that weekly meetings would not yet be necessary until after the RATI has completed its site inspection. The meeting adjourned at about 11:15 AM.

NAP Members: (VIA E-MAIL)

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Other Attendees:

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