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Docket No. 50-286

Mr. Joseph E. Russell
Resident Manager
New York Power Authority
Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Post Office Box 215
Buchanan, New York 10511

Dear Mr. Russell:

Subject: Inspection 50-286/92-16

This letter refers to the safeguards inspection conducted by Mr. E. B. King of this office on June 7-11, 1992, of activities at the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant, authorized by NRC License No. DPR-64 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. King with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection are important to public health and safety and are described in the enclosed NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of security procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observations by the inspector.

We found that your physical security program is effective and directed toward assuring public health and safety. Improvements were noted in management oversight and support for most areas of your physical security program.

However, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. The violation involved the failure, by several of your security force members (SFMs), to comply with a requirement of your NRC-approved Guard Training and Qualification Plan (T&Q Plan). Specifically, the SFMs involved were required to have with them on duty a second pair of eye glasses. Yet despite a successful confirmatory check by the duty sergeant at the beginning of the shift, when questioned by the inspector, three of about seven SFMs required to have the extra glasses did not have them on their person. This finding suggests that the SFMs in question may not have understood the need for and requirement to keep the extra glasses with them while on duty. Therefore, in your evaluation of the root cause of this violation, please review your SFM training program to determine whether it is effective in communicating the basis for your commitments in the T&Q and Security Plans. We would appreciate being apprised of the results of this evaluation.

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This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter, and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A. Additionally, a potential weakness was identified in the area of testing and maintenance of security equipment. This area warrants attention to ensure that programmatic problems do not develop and it is discussed further in the enclosed report.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-286/92-16

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