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Re: Indian Point Unit 3
Docket No. 50-286
NL-07-102

Mr. Samuel J. Collins
Regional Administrator, Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Subject: Request to Delay NRC 95001 Inspection

Dear Mr. Collins:

The purpose of this letter is to request a delay in the NRC's performance of the 95001 inspection for Indian Point Unit 3, to allow Entergy additional time to update the documents needed to support the NRC review.

On April 6, 2007, Indian Point Unit 3 had a failure of a bushing on the 31 main transformer. This failure resulted in the fourth unplanned scram over the past 7,000 hours for that period and turned the performance indicator for unplanned scrams for Indian Point Unit 3 from green to white.

On August 16, 2007, Entergy notified the NRC that Indian Point Unit 3 was ready for the inspection based on the following:

- 1) Completion of root cause evaluations for all the trips;
- 2) Completion of a common cause evaluation for the trips;
- 3) Creation of a trip reduction action plan developed from an INPO assist visit;
- 4) Completion of a snapshot assessment against the criteria of 95001.

This inspection was scheduled to begin on September 4, 2007, and started as committed to by the NRC.

On September 6, 2007, Entergy concluded that not all of the specific issues identified in the snapshot assessment had clearly auditable actions that would support the 95001 inspection. Although Entergy entered condition reports into the corrective action program for the two areas for improvement identified in the snapshot assessment, it was concluded that this would not suffice to allow the NRC to perform their review.

In addition, on September 6, 2007, Entergy concluded that the root cause report prepared on the failure of the 31 main transformer needed to be updated. This root cause report was written prior to the NRC issuing the finding on the 31 main transformer documented in the second quarter inspection report dated August 8, 2007. Subsequent to the NRC issuing the finding on the failure of the 31 main transformer bushing, Entergy had an independent review of the issue performed by an industry expert. On September 6, 2007, based on the results of the independent review it was determined that the root cause report written on the failure of the 31 main transformer bushing needed to be updated to address the results of the independent review, as well as the issues raised in the NRC finding.

Based upon these two factors, Entergy requests that the inspection that began on September 4, 2007, be delayed, to allow Entergy additional time to identify the specific actions that will be taken, or have been taken to address the areas for improvements and to update the root cause report.

We regret any inconvenience we may have caused the NRC Staff and appreciate your efforts in this matter. Entergy has entered this issue into the Indian Point Energy Center corrective action program.

There are no new commitments identified in this letter. We will notify you of our readiness to resume the inspection upon completion of the updates of the aforementioned documents and the identification of our corrective actions. Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Patric W. Conroy, Director, Nuclear Safety Assurance at (914) 734-6668.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patric W. Conroy for", is written over the typed name.

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