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Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Unit 1  
**WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR RELAXATION OF REACTOR  
PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD PENETRATION INSPECTION  
REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED COMMITMENT FOR UNIT 1**

- References: 1) U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Order EA-03-009, "Issuance of Order Establishing Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors," dated February 11, 2003
- 2) Letter from J. E. Pollock, Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), to U. S. NRC Document Control Desk, "Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Unit 1 and Unit 2, Request for Relaxation from Nuclear Regulatory Commission Order Establishing Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors," AEP:NRC:3054-04, dated March 26, 2003
- 3) Letter from J. E. Pollock, I&M, to U. S. NRC Document Control Desk, "Revised Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Relaxation Of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Penetration Inspection Requirements in Nuclear Regulatory Commission Order," AEP:NRC:3054-08, dated June 2, 2003

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This letter withdraws a request for relaxation of reactor vessel head penetration inspection requirements for Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant (CNP) Unit 1, and withdraws an associated commitment.

NRC Order EA-03-009 (Reference 1) established interim inspection requirements for reactor pressure vessel head penetrations at pressurized water reactors. In Reference 2, I&M requested relaxations from certain inspection requirements in that order for CNP Unit 1 and Unit 2. Reference 3 provided a revised response to an NRC request for additional information (RAI) regarding the requested relaxations. As stated in Reference 3, the information provided in the letter applied only to Unit 2. I&M committed in Reference 3 to submit the requested information for Unit 1 by separate correspondence. The committed date was that necessary to support the next Unit 1 under-head inspection required by the order.

The next Unit 1 under-head inspection required by the order is currently scheduled for Spring 2005. Examination techniques and requirements may change prior to that inspection, precluding the need for relaxation. Therefore, I&M withdraws the request for relaxation of inspection requirements for Unit 1, and the associated commitment. If a relaxation of inspection requirements is needed for Unit 1, I&M intends to request the relaxation via separate correspondence, including the necessary supporting information. This letter contains no new regulatory commitments.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brian A. McIntyre, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, at (269) 697-5806.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. C. Bakken III', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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**AFFIRMATION**

I, A. Christopher Bakken III, being duly sworn, state that I am Senior Vice President, Nuclear Operations of American Electric Power Service Corporation and Vice President of Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), that I am authorized to sign and file this request with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on behalf of I&M, and that the statements made and the matters set forth herein pertaining to I&M are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

American Electric Power Service Corporation



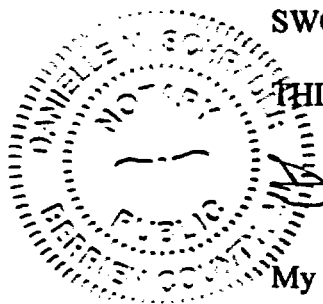
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Senior Vice President, Nuclear Operations

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 13 DAY OF August, 2003

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Apr. 4, 2004



DANIELLE M. SCHRADER  
Notary Public, Berrien County, MI  
My Commission Expires Apr 4, 2004