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Subject:	James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
	Docket No. 50-333
	License No. DPR-59
	Supplemental Information Regarding
	Relief Request RR-27 for Inservice Inspection Interval Program Plan

Reference: 1. Entergy letter to USNRC (JPN-01-016) regarding, "Relief Request RR-27 for Third 10-Year Inservice Inspection Interval," dated September 7, 2001.

Dear Sir:

This letter amends Relief Request RR-27 for the James A. FitzPatrick (JAF) Third 10-Year Inservice Inspection Interval program (Reference 1) and responds to the NRC questions regarding IWE pressure boundary bolting issues (i.e., type of visual examination performed and for non-scheduled disassembly of bolted connections). These questions were discussed at the telephone conference on October 18, 2001 between the USNRC technical staff and Entergy's representatives.

In addition to the proposed alternative method as described in the reference submittal, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) will incorporate into the applicable JAF procedures the following guidelines:

- 1. A detailed visual examination (VT-1) will be performed for areas where flaws or degradations, which exceed ASME Section XI code requirements, are indicated.
- 2. Pressure retaining bolting indications will be evaluated by the responsible engineer for continuous services. If disassembly is required for further evaluation, then a detailed visual examination (VT-1) examination shall be performed.
- 3. A detailed visual examination (VT-1) will be performed if a bolted connection is disassembled at the time of a scheduled general visual examination. All accessible surface areas of the connection (bushings, threads, ligaments in the base material of flanges) will be included in the examination.

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4. A detailed visual examination (VT-1) will be performed when a bolted connection is disassembled at times other than a scheduled visual examination. Procedures will be used to ensure that the integrity of the reassembled bolted connection is maintained.

There are no new commitments made by this letter. The above requirements will be incorporated into applicable plant procedures prior to implementation, upon receiving the approval from the USNRC. Approval for this relief request is needed by February 15, 2002 to support procedure changes, training, planning and resource scheduling of the upcoming Refueling Outage RO15.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Charlene Faison at 914-272-3378.

Very truly yours,

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