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SUBJECT: NRC RECEIPT OF FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT RESPONSE TO  
GENERIC LETTER 2006-03, "POTENTIALLY NONCONFORMING HEMYC  
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Dear Mr. Kansler:

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Your response stated that an FP-60 cable wrap is also used to separate safe shutdown trains located within the same fire area where the Hemyc fire wrap is located, and it has not been designed and installed in accordance with current NRC guidance. The NRC issued an exemption for the FP-60 fire wrap on May 29, 2001, ADAMS accession number ML010790125.

Therefore, the NRC staff finds that you have properly addressed the concerns with the Hemyc and MT fire barrier systems, and finds your response to GL 2006-03 to be satisfactory.

Please contact me at (301) 415-2901 if you have any questions on this issue.

Sincerely,

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