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Subject: Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
**NRC Generic Letter 96-05: Periodic Verification of Design-Basis
Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves**

Reference: NRC Generic Letter 96-05, T. T. Martin, NRC to Operating Licensees,
"Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related
Motor-Operated Valves," dated September 18, 1996.

Dear Sir:

The referenced NRC generic letter requests licensees to establish a program to periodically verify that safety-related motor-operated valves (MOV) continue to be capable of performing their safety functions. This letter confirms that the Authority will implement the requested MOV periodic verification program at the Indian Point 3 (IP3) and the James A. FitzPatrick (JAF) Nuclear Power Plants.

The generic letter also requests that a summary description of the MOV periodic verification program be submitted within 180 days, or upon notification to the NRC of completion of Generic Letter 89-10, whichever is later. The Authority will submit summary descriptions pursuant to the GL 96-05 schedule. For the FitzPatrick plant, the summary description will be submitted within the 180 day schedule (by March 17, 1997). For the Indian Point 3 plant, the description will be submitted in conjunction with the completion notification requested in Generic Letter 89-10. The GL 89-10 program, including the evaluations associated with the GL 89-10 program, will be completed approximately one month after the conclusion of the upcoming refueling outage scheduled for the spring 1997. GL 89-10 requests a notification within 30 days after the actions described in GL 89-10 have been completed. Accordingly, the Authority will provide written notification that the GL 89-10 required actions are complete, and a summary description of the MOV periodic verification program, within 60 days following startup (breaker closure) after refueling outage 09 (estimated submittal: late summer 1997).

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Finally, the generic letter requests a schedule for completing implementation of the MOV periodic verification program. The verification program will be initiated at the FitzPatrick plant on or before refueling outage 13 (estimated to start late 1998), and will be initiated at the Indian Point 3 plant on or before refueling outage 10 (estimated to start spring 1999). The 180 day summary description will identify the duration of the verification program cycle.

The Authority will consider the guidance being developed by the plants' respective owners groups for the verification program. The commitments made by the Authority with this letter are listed in the attachment.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

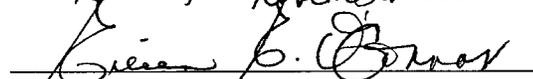
Very truly yours,



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**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 15th day of November 1996.



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Attachments: as stated

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Attachment to JPN-96-044 / IPN-96-118

LIST OF COMMITMENTS

James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant

Number	Commitment	Due Date
JPN-96-044-01	Submit summary description of MOV periodic verification program pursuant to GL 96-05.	March 17, 1997
JPN-96-044-02	Initiate MOV periodic verification program.	On or before Refuel Outage 13.

Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant

Number	Commitment	Due Date
IPN-96-118-01	Submit summary description of MOV periodic verification program pursuant to GL 96-05.	Sixty (60) days following breaker closure after Refuel Outage 9.
IPN-96-118-02	Submit completion notification for GL 89-10 program.	Sixty (60) days following breaker closure after Refuel Outage 9.
IPN-96-118-03	Initiate MOV periodic verification program.	On or before Refuel Outage 10.