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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-286  
**Improved Technical Specifications**

Dear Sir:

In previous discussions, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) informed the NRC staff of the plans to convert to the Improved Standard Technical Specifications for the Fitzpatrick and Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plants, based on NUREG-1434 and NUREG-1431, respectively, and in accordance with NEI provided guidelines approved by the NRC. The Authority is currently drafting the license amendment requests (LAR) and supporting documents for the Improved Technical Specifications (ITS), and is on schedule to submit the LAR for each plant during the fourth quarter of 1997. NYPA will inform the NRC of any significant developments regarding this effort.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Charlene Faison.

Very truly yours,

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