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Dear Mr. Fitzgibbons:

Your letter of March 15, 1979 to Chairman Hendrie has been referred to me for reply.

Shutdown of the FitzPatrick nuclear power plant in New York State was ordered by the NRC on March 13, 1979, because of questions about the ability of the piping system to withstand earthquakes. Our objective is to review the situation in an expedited and disciplined manner so that the FitzPatrick plant can be returned to operation with assurance that this will not constitute a threat to the public health and safety.

We are mindful of the economic hardships that can occur as a result of plant shutdowns and will work as hard as we can to avoid any unnecessary delays in bringing the plant back on line.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By Roger S. Boyd Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Dear Mr. Fitzgibbons:

Your letter of March 15, 1979 to Chairman Hendrie indicated that the NRC had closed the Nine Mile Point nuclear power plant. The plant has been down for normal refueling, not because of any action by the NRC.

Shutdown of the FitzPatrick nuclear power plant in New York State was ordered by the NRC on March 13, 1979, because of questions about the ability of the piping system to withstand earthquakes. Our objective is to review the situation in an expedited and disciplined manner so that the FitzPatrick plant can be returned to operation with assurance that this willnot constitute a threat to the public health and safety.

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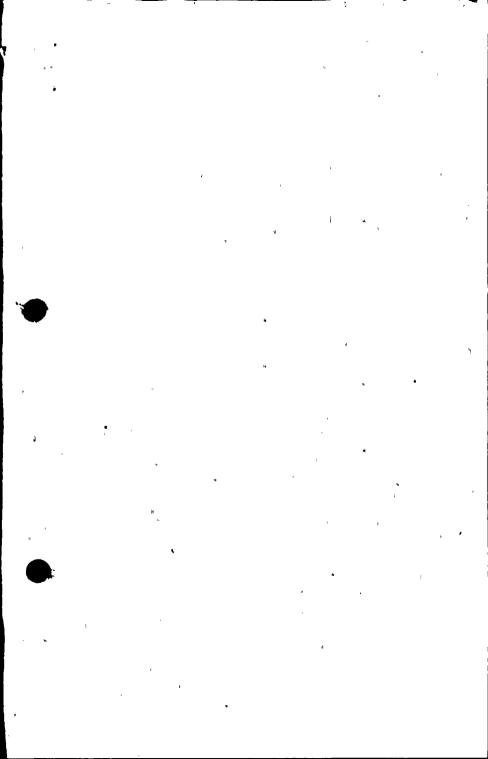
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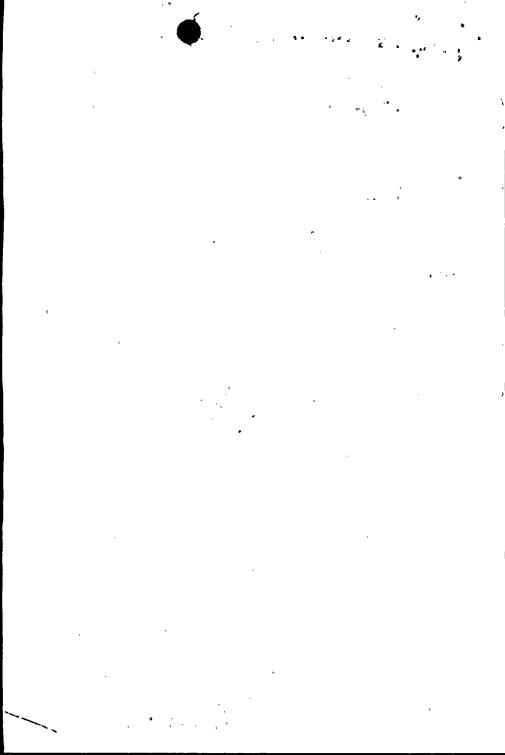
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 - B. The N. Y. State Dept of Energy is presently formulating policy on Post TMI minimum safety requirements and has expressed an interest in the NRC's direction.

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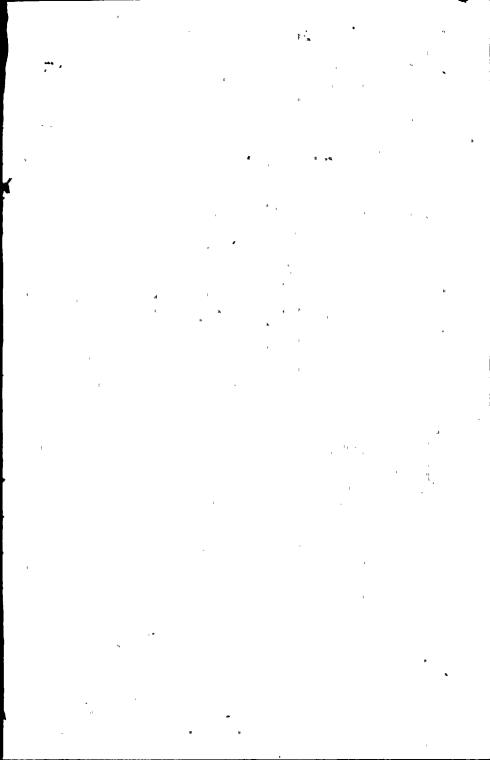
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