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Docket No. 50-335

New York Power Authority
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
ATTN: Mr. William Fernandez
Resident Manager
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Subject: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-333/89-11

This letter transmits the results of the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. W. Schmidt and R. Plasse of this office on October 8, 1989 through December 2, 1989, at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Scriba, New York. Mr. Plasse discussed the inspection findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The inspector identified no violations. You need not reply to this letter.

The causes for several events discussed in the report concern us. It appears that personnel inattention to detail during surveillance testing caused the reactor scram on November 5, 1989, and the reactor core isolation cooling system isolation on November 29, 1989. Further, we believe that actions taken by you to resolve previous difficulties should have prevented the poor high pressure coolant injection system tagout during system maintenance and the difficulty experienced with the automatic depressurization system Technical Specifications. We look forward to increased management attention and improved performance in these areas.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James C. Linville

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Enclosure:
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