

DEC 14 1993

DES

Docket No. 50-333

Mr. Harry P. Salmon, Jr.
Resident Manager
New York Power Authority
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Post Office Box 41
Lycoming, New York 13093

Dear Mr. Salmon:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC REGION I INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-333/93-24)

This refers to the results of the routine resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. W. Cook and J. Tappert from October 10, 1993 to November 20, 1993 at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Scriba, New York. A summary of the inspection findings was presented to you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

This inspection was directed toward areas important to public health and safety. Areas examined during the inspection are described in the NRC Region I inspection report, which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of observation of activities, interviews with personnel, and document reviews.

Performance by the FitzPatrick staff during this inspection period was mixed. As you and your staff identified early in the maintenance outage, an increase in human performance related problems had occurred and you took action on November 5 to conduct a safety stand-down to reemphasize to your staff the need for greater attention to detail and self verification. We acknowledge these efforts, but view them as not entirely effective. Subsequent to the November 5 safety stand-down, a number of additional events involving improper personnel performance and procedural noncompliance occurred. Individually, these events had minimal safety consequences, but in the aggregate indicated a broader performance problem which is contrary to regulatory requirements and, as such, is being cited. We are particularly interested in what additional actions you have taken or plan to take to address this potential adverse personnel performance trend.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed

210017

9312220087 931214
PDR ADOCK 05000333
G PDR

LEO
|||
1

Mr. Harry P. Salmon, Jr.

2

correction actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Curtis J. Cowgill, Chief
Projects Branch No. 1
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-333/93-24

cc w/encl:

R. Schoenberger, President
R. Beedle, Executive Vice President - Nuclear
G. Goldstein, Assistant General Counsel
J. Gray, Jr., Director, Nuclear Licensing - BWR
Supervisor, Town of Scriba
C. Donaldson, Esquire, Assistant Attorney General, New York Department of Law
Director, Energy & Water Division, Department of Public Service, State of New York
K. Abraham, PAO (30) SALP Reports and (2) All Inspection Reports
Public Document Room (PDR)
Local Public Document Room (LPDR)
Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
NRC Resident Inspector
State of New York, SLO Designee

DEC 14 1993

Mr. Harry P. Salmon, Jr.

3

bcc w/encl:

Region I Docket Room (with concurrences)

C. Cowgill, DRP

P. Eselgroth, DRP

R. Urban, DRP

B. Welling, DRP

B. Cook - FitzPatrick

W. Dean, OEDO

R. Capra, NRR

J. Menning, NRR

RCM

RI:DRP

for WCook

12/1/93

RCM

RI:DRP

for PEselgroth

12/9/93

RI:DRP

CCowgill

12/ /93

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

a:IR9324