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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN THE NRC AND H. SPECTOR OF THE NEW YORK POWER  
AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAINTENANCE RULE

On Tuesday, December 27, 1993, Mr. H. Spector of the New York Power Authority (NYPA) met with R. Correia and C. Petrone of the Performance and Quality Evaluation Branch, DRIL, NRR, to discuss the maintenance rule (10 CFR 50.65) implementation guidance documents: Regulatory Guide 1.160 and NUMARC 93-01.

Mr. Spector explained that he is involved in implementing the maintenance rule for the NYPA nuclear power plants (Fitzpatrick and Indian Point 3). He discussed his interest in applying risk-based considerations and methodologies to maintenance and presented his thoughts on the possibility of using these concepts in the implementation of the maintenance rule.

The staff stated that the use of risk-based considerations, especially the use of Probabilistic Risk Assessments and Individual Plant Examinations, was encouraged and that the implementing guidance contained in NUMARC 93-01, endorsed by Regulatory Guide 1.160 provides specific methodologies for incorporating risk significance determinations into the licensee's maintenance programs to satisfy the requirements of the maintenance rule. The staff noted that Regulatory Guide 1.160 and NUMARC 93-01 contained other detailed information that could be beneficial to NYPA during their implementation of the maintenance rule. The staff also stated that methods described in Regulatory Guide 1.160 and NUMARC 93-01 provide one acceptable method of satisfying the requirement of the maintenance rule and that other methods developed by individual licensees may be acceptable.

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