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Docket No. 50-333

Mr. William A. Josiger
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New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Mr. Josiger:

Subject: **Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report No. 50-333/93-99**

This letter forwards the FitzPatrick SALP report for the period April 18, 1993, through April 9, 1994. This assessment was conducted under the new SALP process that the NRC implemented on July 19, 1993. The new SALP process rates licensees in four functional areas: plant operations, maintenance, engineering, and plant support. The plant support area comprises radiological and effluent controls, chemistry, security, emergency preparedness, fire protection, and housekeeping.

Overall, the NRC observed continued improvement in performance at your facility during this period. Enhancements to problem identification, outage planning, and day-to-day management oversight were specifically found to have contributed to performance improvement. Corporate management support continued at a high level as evidenced by the completion of the administration building, which has enhanced interdepartmental communications and plant staff work environment. Also contributing to the overall improvement were effective independent oversight and self-assessment programs and initiatives. The Quality Assurance organization, Plant Operating Review Committee, Nuclear Performance Assessment Section, and management observation program were all found to have had a positive effect on plant performance.

Despite the overall improvement, your efforts to resolve some previous performance deficiencies have not been entirely effective or timely. Areas which require continued management attention include housekeeping, longstanding equipment problems, material condition, and the impact of the backlog of engineering and technical services work.

Plant operational performance was generally good. Licensed operators provided strong performance by operating the plant in a safe, competent and professional manner. Management oversight continued to improve as evidenced by plant and personnel

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performance. However, heightened awareness on the part of operators and management to minor procedural deficiencies and attention to detail is warranted.

The maintenance area showed improvement during this period. Proactive and effective management oversight and direction of maintenance activities were evident. Improvements were noted in the problem identification, root cause evaluation, and corrective action processes. Good interdepartmental communication, prioritization, and coordination were observed. There were some instances of inadequate procedural adherence, poor work control, and untimely corrective actions.

Performance in the engineering area continued to improve. Site and corporate management's commitment to improving performance was evident. The technical quality of design and modification work was good. Good performance was noted from both Site Engineering and Technical Services in those programs under their jurisdiction. Planning functions were effective at capturing and tracking requested engineering work activities. However, backlogs in both the Site Engineering and Technical Services organizations have adversely affected the ability to promptly resolve some existing or emerging issues.

The plant support functions significantly contributed to safe plant performance. Radiation protection area performance continued to improve. However, procedure adherence problems continued to occur. Radiological housekeeping was generally good with noted exceptions in some high radiation areas. Excellent performance in the radiological effluent and environmental monitoring programs was again noted. There was continued strong performance in the emergency preparedness area. A number of important improvements were made to the emergency response facilities, which enhanced performance. Security program performance continued to be outstanding. Fire protection program implementation continued to improve.

We have scheduled a management meeting with you, open for public observation, at the FitzPatrick Training Center on June 1, 1994. At the meeting, you should be prepared to discuss our assessment and any initiatives you plan to take to address the weaknesses detailed in our evaluation. Specifically, you should discuss efforts to provide timely resolution of engineering issues, including backlog and technical support of emergent issues.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Final Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report
No. 50-333/93-99

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