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Docket No. 50-333

New York Power Authority
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
ATTN: Mr. Radford Converse
Resident Manager
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Lycoming, New York 13093

Dear Mr. Converse:

Subject: Region I Inspection Report No. 50-333/92-02

This letter refers to the safety inspection of your design and modification program conducted by Ms. A. Lopez-Goldberg and Mr. L. Prividy of this office on January 13-23, 1992, at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. An adequately implemented modification program is one of the key ingredients to assure availability of safety systems, structures and components. The results of our inspection findings, as detailed in the enclosed report, were discussed with you and your staff by our inspectors at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observations by our inspectors. We recognize your continuing efforts to improve the modification process by implementing your relatively new modification and design control manual procedures. However, we call your attention to an unresolved item in Section 2.0 of the enclosed report where our inspectors identified specific concerns regarding Modification No. F1-88-204, which may indicate that some common problems exist in the use of the new procedures. Based on this potential programmatic problem, it is our understanding that NYPA intends to document and summarize in a letter to us by March 16, 1992, the results and status of various actions taken for a comprehensive solution. The various actions that you are taking are detailed in Section 2.0 of the enclosed report.

If our understanding of the above commitments is incorrect, please notify me, in writing, as soon as possible; otherwise, no reply to this letter is required.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Jacque P. Durr

Jacque P. Durr, Chief
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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report No. 50-333/92-02

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