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United States
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
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Attention: Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident Programs

SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
DOCKET NO. 50-333
INSPECTION 84-15

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, we are submitting our response to Appendix A, Notice of Violation transmitted by your letter dated September 21, 1984, as received by the undersigned on September 26, 1984. This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. L. Doerflein of your office on June 29, 1984 through July 31, 1984 at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant.

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

A. The Power Authority agrees with the findings.

The fundamental cause of this violation was the failure of the on shift personnel to fully recognize that the specific containment problem identified in the inspection report was reportable under the requirements of 10 CFR 50.72.

Permanent corrective action will be as follows:

1. All Shift Supervisors and Assistant Shift Supervisors will reread the applicable plant procedures which implement the provisions of 10 CFR 50.72.
2. The violation will be discussed with all operating shifts as part of the weekly departmental meetings.
3. The operating shifts will be trained, as part of the formal requalification program, on the requirements of 10 CFR 50.72. This training will be completed by the end of the 1985 refuel outage (approximately the end of March).

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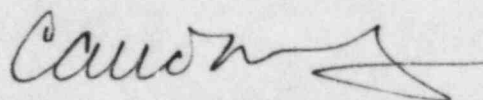
B. The Power Authority agrees with the findings.

The fundamental cause of this violation was a lack of coordination between R & E Technicians and Operators. The technicians believed that they would enter the containment for the initial survey and prepare a Radiation Work Permit based on survey data for subsequent operator entry.

The permanent corrective action is to issue specific instructions for initial entries into the primary containment and to verify that the R & E Technicians are familiar with the instructions. The Plant Standing Order Number PSO-45 "Initial Entries and Primary Containment in Effect" specifies in part the following:

1. The initial entry shall be made with two radiation technicians in Scott Air Paks, with at least one other individual (verified respiratory qualified) standing by outside the air lock door for an emergency.
2. A Radiation Work Permit shall be issued for the entry of other than R & E Technicians.

Very truly yours,



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