Docket No. 50-333

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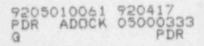
Dear Mr. Converse,

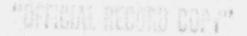
Subject: Inspection Report 50-333/92-07

An announced inspection of the radiological controls program on site was conducted by S. Sherbini on March 30 - April 3. 1992 at the FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. Areas inspected included status of previously identified items, tours of the radiological controls areas and observation of ongoing outage work activities, and reviews of changes in organization and personnel, audits and self assessments, the radiological occurrence reporting program, and ALARA.

Observations in the work areas showed that these areas were well controlled and that good radiological practices were being followed by radiation workers. The health physics technician staff was found to be competent, well informed, and the staffing levels sufficient to support outage work. Although activities at the working level were found to have been conducted at a sufficiently high level of professional competence, several program areas were found to be weak. Work planning, incorporation of ALARA into planning, design and material selection, ALARA reviews and briefings, radiological incident reporting and root cause analysis, the cobalt reduction program, and self-assessment programs were all found to contain weaknesses. A review of the records of radiologically significant incidents that occurred on site during 1992 supports the conclusion that some of these program weaknesses were the most significant contributing factors in the occurrence of a number of these incidents. On the other hand, the staff was found to be well aware of most of these weaknesses and had in many cases initiated accions designed to correct them. A trend toward overall improvement in many of these areas was evident. The corrective actions taken to date appear to be well considered and appropriate, but their success will have to be assessed at a later date because of recent implementation of many of the changes.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified.







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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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