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Docket: 50-333

Mr. Harry Salmon, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Salmon:

Subject: **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (EP) INSPECTION 50-333/92-06**

Enclosed is the report of the March 23-26, 1992 EP inspection of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant by Mr. C. Gordon, Mr. L. Eckert, and other NRC personnel. At the end of that inspection, preliminary findings were discussed by Messrs. Gordon and Eckert with you and other NYPA staff members.

Overall, this inspection found effective EP program implementation, with notable strengths in training, facilities, and audits/reviews. Further, we observed a strongly proactive and positive approach when your staff critically assessed walk-through drill performance and promptly took steps to improve associated procedures and practices.

We noted your past responsiveness to NRC initiatives on Emergency Action Level (EAL) conformance to NUREG-0654, Appendix I. However, this inspection also identified (Report Detail 2.4) some restrictive EAL criteria as potential inhibitors of timely and accurate on-shift classification of fast-breaking events. We hereby request that, within 30 days of receiving this letter, you reply to us in writing on your conclusions about this matter, detailing any planned actions and associated completion schedules.

This inspection also reviewed (Report Detail 2.9) the Unusual Event declared on November 27, 1991. Associated notifications were made by the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, meeting timeliness criteria and facilitating the shift's ability to respond to the event. But, the on-shift ability to readily perform emergency tasks may need further evaluation. Please assess this consideration and include your conclusions in the reply requested in the preceding paragraph.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Inspection Report No. 50-333/92-06

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