

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

June 1, 1992

The Honorable Sherwood Boehlert Member, United States House of Representatives Alexander Pirnie Federal Building 10 Broad Street Room 200 Utica, New York 13501

Dear Congressman Boehlert:

This responds to your letter of May 11, 1992, regarding a request from Mr. Alan Sweet for copies of our FitzPatrick Diagnostic Evaluation Team report and our FitzPatrick Assessment Panel's review of the licensee's Results Improvement Program.

As a result of our perception of a declining performance at the James A. FitzPatrick nuclear facility, I directed that a Diagnostic Evaluation Team (DET) inspection be performed. The DET confirmed the declining performance and identified several root causes. The New York Power Authority (NYPA) concurred with the findings of the DET and responded with a comprehensive results improvement plan to improve performance. The NRC chartered the FitzPatrick Assessment Panel to coordinate resources for the performance monitoring and assessment of the FitzPatrick nuclear power plant, including the implementation of the Results Improvement Plan (RIP). A public meeting was held on March 30, 1992, to discuss these issues and NYPA formally responded on April 29, 1992.

For your information, copies of the DET report, RIP, correspondence between the NRC and NYPA concerning the DET and RIP, and slides from the March 30, 1992, meeting are enclosed. The document which appears to come closest to responding to your constituent's request for a point by point review is our February 28, 1992 letter, which is also enclosed. Copies of all of these documents have been provided to Mr. Sweet. All of these documents are available in the NRC's Public Document Room and Local Public Document Room.

We hope this is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

James M. Daylor Executive Director for Operations

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