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Docket No. 50-333

Power Authority of the State of New York
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
ATTN: Mr. Corbin A. McNeill, Jr.
Resident Manager
P. O. Box 41
Lycoming, New York 13093

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-333/84-15

This refers to the routine, safety inspection conducted by Mr. L. Doerflein of this office on June 29 - July 31, 1984 at the J. A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Scriba, New York of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-59 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Doerflein with yourself and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A. In addition to the need for corrective action regarding these specific violations, we are concerned about the apparent inadequate personnel training and the inadequate post maintenance testing of the containment airlock mechanical interlock which contributed to the degradation of primary containment integrity on June 23, 1984. Consequently, in your reply, you should also describe those actions taken or planned to correct these deficiencies in order to prevent recurrence of this event.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request with-

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holding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by
H. B. Kister for*

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident
Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-333/84-15

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