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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing

Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Shift Technical Advisor Qualifications
NUREG-0737, Item I.A.1.1

References: 1. NYPA letter, J. P. Bayne to D. B. Vassallo,
dated September 7, 1984 (JPN-84-59).

Dear Sir:

In Reference 1, the Authority described our program for the eventual phase-out of the Shift Technical Advisor (STA) position at our FitzPatrick plant. Under this program, operating shift personnel with Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) Licenses will be qualified to fill STA positions; SROs have been enrolled in an Advanced Technical Training program which provides engineering education and training.

To supplement and clarify the information previously supplied in Reference 1, the Authority provides the following additional information:

Institution Accreditation

As stated on page 2 of Reference 1, "The Advanced Technical Training Program is being conducted by Memphis State University Center for Nuclear Studies which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools..." (emphasis added).

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Credit Granting Institution

Also stated on page 2 of Reference 1 is that the Memphis State University Center for Nuclear Studies will conduct the training program. Memphis State will be the credit granting institution for this degree pending approval of their current application to grant credit by the New York State Education Department.

Student Credits

Students holding a current SRO license on a commercial nuclear power plant are awarded forty semester credits after a degree contract is approved. These credits are awarded for technical education received during SRO license training and will appear on the student's official Memphis State transcript. Students holding operator's licenses who successfully complete all Advanced Technical Program courses will be awarded an additional forty-one credits (for a total of eighty-one credits) and will have completed all the technical courses required for the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Nuclear Industrial Operations degree.

We hope this information clarifies the program and answers any questions you may have had. Please contact Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr. of my staff for further information.

Very truly yours,

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for
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