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June 24, 1996

Mr. William J. Cahill, Jr.  
Chief Nuclear Officer  
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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW - FITZPATRICK

Dear Mr. Cahill:

On May 28, 1996, the Regional staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of FitzPatrick. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by regional management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for FitzPatrick involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period November 1995 through May 1996. PPRs provide regional management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews.

We noted that problems associated with the poor implementation of your foreign material exclusion program in the past were identified as a result of work conducted on the safety relief valves in February 1996. We will evaluate the effectiveness of your actions as described in your letter responding to the NOV in Inspection Report 96-02. We also note that two of your operating crews failed the simulator portion of the licensed operator requalification examination that your staff conducted and evaluated in May 1996. We noted that the examination standards which were not met by these crews were well in excess of NRC requirements. Also, we have discussed with your staff the results of NYPA's evaluation of these failures and their proposed corrective actions. Continued attention to this area is warranted.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the FitzPatrick PPR review. It is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of an inspector's arrival onsite. The enclosure provides the schedule for the NRC inspections of your facility planned through the SALP period end date of May 17, 1997. The rationale or basis for any inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. The routine resident inspection effort is not included in this schedule due to the ongoing and continuous nature of those inspections.

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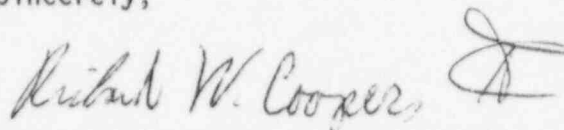
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We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact Curtis J. Cowgill, III at (610) 337-5233.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: FitzPatrick Planned NRC Inspections

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FITZPATRICK PLANNED NRC INSPECTIONS

May 1996 - May 1997

RI = Regional Initiative

CO = Core Inspection (NRC Program Inspections, excepting Resident Core Activities)

TI = Temporary Instruction (NRR Program Requirement)

PROCEDURE NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
CO 62700	Maintenance Program Implementation (Focus on work control, planning, scoping and implementation of post-work testing and on-line maintenance due to prior instances of weak performance in these areas and NYPA plans to do more on-line maintenance in the future)	6/03-07/96
CO 37550-1 & RI 90700	Engineering (Focus on System Engineering Performance) & Feedback of Operational Experience at Operating Power Reactors (Based on continued problems in areas in which substantial industry information is available such as fuse issues, SRV tailpipe lagging & temperature probe location and foreign material exclusion)	7/8-12/96
CO 81700-1	Physical Security	7/15-19/96
CO 84750	Radwaste Treatment and Effluents	7/29-8/2/96
RI 83522 & CO 84750	Radiation Protection, Plant Chemistry, Radwaste and Environmental: Organization and Management Controls (Based on previously identified in-plant Health Physics problems) & Radwaste Treatment and Effluents and Environmental Monitoring (Focus on the control of radiation monitor setpoint changes based on problems noted in LER 96-01)	8/26-30/96
CO 40500	Effectiveness of Licensee Controls in Identifying, Resolving and Preventing Problems	10/7-11/96

CO 37550-2	Engineering	10/7-11/96 & 10/21-25/96
CO 83750-2	Occupational Radiation Exposure	11/04-08/96
CO 73753	Inservice Inspection	11/04-08/96
CO 37550-3	Engineering (Focus on the Back End of the Modification Process due to Indications of Weak Performance)	1/13-24/97
RI 83723	Training and Qualifications: General Employee Training, Radiation Safety, Plant Chemistry, Radwaste and Transportation (Based on NYPA actions to improve HP practices among workers which include employee training or retraining)	2/03-07/97
CO 81700-2	Physical Security	2/24-28/97