

August 21, 1996

Mr. Michael J. Colomb
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New York Power Authority
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Post Office Box 41
Lycoming, NY 13093

SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-333/96-05

Dear Mr. Colomb:

On July 27, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your FitzPatrick reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. Please note that this report is written in accordance with the new NRC standardized reactor inspection report outline and, as such, will typically not address all of the outline topics established by that outline.

During the period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations. We are concerned, however, about personnel errors in your work control process and the apparent lack of a questioning attitude, which resulted in safety related systems being returned to service that were not aligned properly.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC concluded that violations of NRC requirements occurred. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference previous docketed correspondence if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Curtis J. Cowgill, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 2
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket No.: 50-333

License No.: DPR-59

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1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report Number 50-333/96-05

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