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Docket Nos. 50-333

Mr. Harry P. Salmon, Jr.
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James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
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Dear Mr. Salmon:

SUBJECT: EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-333/92-18 (OL)

During the weeks of October 26, 1992, and November 2, 1992, the NRC administered initial examinations to employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the J. A. FitzPatrick facility. The evaluation addressed areas important to public health and safety and were conducted in accordance with Revision 6 (1/1/91) to NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards." The purpose of the evaluation was the examination of the individual operators to determine if they would satisfy the regulatory requirement of passing an NRC administered examination prior to license issuance. At the conclusion of the examinations, the preliminary findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

The test results indicate that eight of eleven applicants passed the examination and were well prepared for the examinations. Your staff is commended for their cooperation during the examination preparation and administration. Sections 3 and 4 of the enclosed report contain additional details of the applicants' performance and the NRC Examiners' observations.

During the course of examination administration, examiners made observations in several areas which could affect safety. The two most significant observations were: 1) the lack of consistent guidance for diesel generator loading under emergency conditions, and 2) the lack of adequate guidance for accurately identifying emergency response planning areas when making protective action recommendations. We request your attention to these two matters.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The responses requested by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law No. 96-511.

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Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Richard Conte at (215) 337-5210.

Sincerely,


Lee H. Bettenhausen, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosures: Examination Report No. 50-333-92-18
w/Attachments 1 - 5

Attachments:

1. RO Examination and Answer Key
2. SRO Examination and Answer Key
3. Facility Comments on Written Examination (w/o references) and NRC resolution
4. Simulator Facility Report
5. Exit Attendees

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