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SUBJECT: DOCKET NO. 50-333 SPECIAL REPORT REGARDING NONFUNCTIONAL FIRE BARRIER PENETRATION SEAL

Dear Sir:

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) submits this special report in accordance with Technical Specification 3.12.F.2 and 6.9.B.2. The report addresses our inability to restore a fire barrier seal to functional status within a seven day period.

Introduction:

During the 1992 plant outage, corrective repairs were required on the "A" Feedwater non-return valve, 34NRV-111A. This valve is physically located at the south end of the main steam tunnel. The valve is accessible either through the Turbine Building steam tunnel or from the recirculation Motor/Generator Set Room directly above the valve via removable floor plugs. Floor plug access is preferred for ALARA considerations. These floor plugs functionally provide fire barrier protection between the Recirculation Motor Generator Set Room and the Steam Tunnel as well as providing a physical barrier between plant vital and nonvital areas.

Action Taken:

Maintenance repairs on 34NRV-111A were planned and scheduled. A continuous security watch and a roving fire watch were posted and one of the floor plugs was removed at 1800 on December 12, 1992. These watches remained in place until the floor plug was replaced at 1400 on December 21, 1992.

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Cause:

The scope of repair on 34NRV-111A was such that the work, post work testing and restoration could not be completed within a seven day period. The subject floor plug was replaced and restored to a functional status immediately following post work testing acceptance and cleanup activities.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Donald Simpson at (315) 349-6361.

Very truly yours,

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