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Docket No. 50-333

Mr. Ralph E. Beedle
Executive Vice President - Nuclear Generation
New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Mr. Beedle:

Subject **Final Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP)**
 Report No. 50-333/92-99

This letter forwards the final FitzPatrick SALP report (Enclosure 1) for the period April 19, 1992 through April 17, 1993. The initial SALP report was forwarded to you by our July 7, 1993 letter (Enclosure 2). Our evaluation was discussed with you and other members of the New York Power Authority at a public SALP management meeting on July 28, 1993, at the FitzPatrick Training Center. A list of principal NRC and NYPA attendees is provided in Enclosure 3.

The NRC has concluded that the FitzPatrick plant has been operated safely and that performance has improved in several functional areas during this SALP period. The SALP report notes improvements in the areas of Plant Operations, Maintenance/Surveillance, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification sufficient to warrant an increase to SALP Category 2 in these areas.

While we noted progress in the area of engineering and technical support, the NRC remains concerned with the rate of improvement and mixed performance in this area. As related to you in previous correspondence, our assessment noted several examples of weak evaluations of emergent technical concerns, weaknesses in the initial evaluations and proposed resolutions of Fire Protection and Safe Shutdown deficiencies, and inadequacies in related engineering management oversight and control. Your commitment, as stated at the SALP management meeting and in your written response dated August 16, 1993 (Enclosure 4), to provide strong management attention in this area to resolve these weaknesses and sustain improvements, has been noted.

The NRC recognizes your commitment to continued improvements in performance and resolution of weaknesses identified during the SALP process. However, neither remarks during the July 28, 1993 meeting, nor your written response would indicate reason to modify the NRC staff's report; therefore, no changes have been made to the report as originally forwarded to you.

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No reply to this letter is required. We appreciate your cooperation with us in the SALP process.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Thomas T. Martin
Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Final Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report No. 50-333/92-99
2. NRC Letter from T. Martin to R. Beedle dated July 7, 1993
3. SALP Management Meeting Attendees
4. NYPA Letter from R. Beedle to T. Martin dated August 16, 1993

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