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SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT  
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INSPECTION NO. 88-04 - INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM

Dear Sirs:

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspection No. 50-333/88-04 identified an Unresolved Item 50-333/88-04-06 which is concerned with the informal program which was used to escalate corrective action requirements regarding QA findings. In the cover letter to Inspection No. 88-04, there was a specified request to provide the Authority's actions with a schedule and milestones for addressing this concern. In responding to the Notice of Violations associated with the subject inspection, the Authority inadvertently left out the above specific request. The following is the Authority's response to Unresolved Item No. 50-333/88-04-06.

The Authority has identified four (4) areas which can be improved to strengthen the corrective action program. These areas are:

1. identifying significant conditions adverse to quality;
2. automating the escalation processes;
3. formalizing and standardizing corrective action extension requests; and
4. standardizing the nonconformance corrective action reporting requirements.

Actions

1. A methodology has been developed where all conditions adverse to quality are evaluated for significance.

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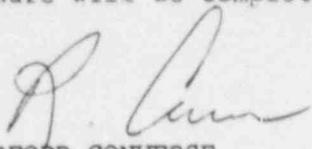
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2. All adverse quality conditions (nonconformances, deviations, deficiencies, etc.) identified by the Quality Assurance Department are tracked in a computer system. Those significant adverse quality conditions requiring corrective action and, when necessary, escalation will have this function performed automatically by generating computer printouts which will be provided to the Resident Manager, Executive Vice President of Nuclear Generation, and company President respective of escalation category (1st, 2nd, 3rd).
3. An extension request form has been created which requires the responsible party to provide as part of his formal request for a corrective action extension to evaluate the impact the extension will have on further material degradation, plant operations and safety significance. No informal extension will be granted.
4. Currently the Authority has three (3) different types of nonconformance/corrective action forms (DCARs, NCAs, Findings). These forms will be consolidated into one form. This standardized approach will help ensure that all significant conditions adverse to quality are treated with the same level of management attention.

The action items identified above have been incorporated into a newly developed Quality Assurance Procedure. This procedure is currently in the internal review cycle. It is expected that all staff training and formal issuance of this procedure will be completed by August 15, 1988.



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