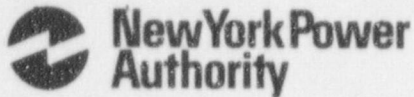


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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Correction to 90-day Response to NRC Generic Letter 97-04

- References:
1. NYPA letter, J. Knubel to USNRC dated December 23, 1997 (JPN-97-039/IPN-97-176) regarding 90-day response to NRC GL 97-04.
 2. NRC Generic Letter 97-04, "Assurance of Sufficient Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps," dated October 7, 1997.

Dear Sir:

The Authority has identified the need for a correction to its response (Reference 1) to NRC Generic Letter 97-04 (Reference 2) for the FitzPatrick plant.

In response to Question 4, the Authority stated "Torus overpressure *is initially required at approximately* the eighteenth hour after the initiation of the event" (emphasis added). This statement should have read "Torus overpressure *peaks during* the eighteenth hour..." (emphasis added).

Note that Figures 1 and 2, which show graphically containment press vs. time after initiation of the event, were correct and accurately reflect the revised statement. The text of the response to Question 4 was not consistent with the information presented in Figures 1 and 2.

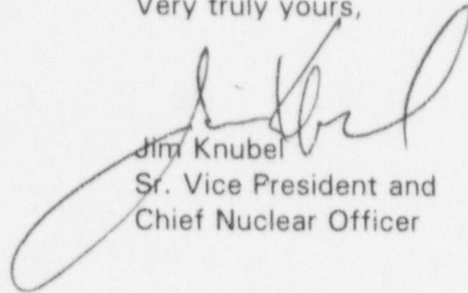
This change does not affect the overall conclusion of the letter. Available NPSH (net positive suction head) for the emergency core cooling and containment heat removal systems at FitzPatrick is adequate.

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There are no new commitments contained in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Charlene Faison.

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