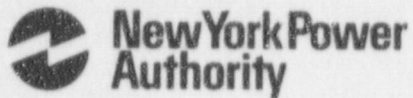


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Docket No. 50-333
**Additional Information Regarding Inservice
Inspection Program Relief Request # 10 (TAC No. MA0711)**

- References:
1. JPN-98-002, NYPA Letter to NRC, "Third Inservice Inspection Interval Inspection Program Plan", dated January 26, 1998.
 2. NRC Letter to NYPA, "Additional Information Regarding Inservice Inspection Program Relief Requests (TAC No. MA0711)", dated August 20, 1998.
 3. JPN-98-042, NYPA letter to NRC, "Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Inservice Inspection Program Relief Requests (TAC No. MA0711)", dated September 21, 1998.

Dear Sir:

On January 26, 1998 the New York Power Authority submitted the third ten year interval inspection program and relief requests for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (Reference 1). The NRC staff subsequently determined that additional information was required to complete the review of the relief requests (Reference 2). Reference 3 provided the Authority's response to that request, including additional information regarding relief request #10.

On October 29, 1998 a verbal request was made to the Authority to provide additional information regarding relief request # 10. Specifically, the Authority was requested to detail the VT-3 examination process that will be utilized as part of relief request #10. Relevant conditions required to be identified during the VT-3 examination include erosion, corrosion, wear, and crack-like or linear flaws. Localized general corrosion that reduces the bolt or stud cross-sectional area by more than 5% is recorded in the VT-3 non-destructive examination report. The process also requires adequate lighting conditions and, when necessary to demonstrate the

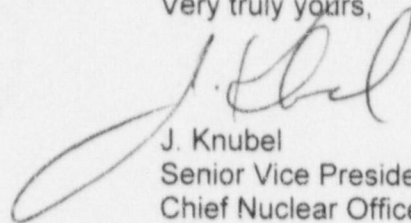
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adequacy of the examination, the use of the 18% neutral grey card 1/32" black line resolution under actual examination conditions. All relevant conditions are recorded, and all unacceptable surface conditions are reported and detailed in the non-destructive examination report. Acceptance standards, where applicable, are recorded in the non-destructive examination report and appropriate corrective action is initiated as required. Final review of all Inservice Inspection examination reports is performed by a facility NDE Level III.

No commitments are made by the Authority in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours,



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