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SUBJECT: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
**Change to Commitment Made in Response to NRC Bulletin 96-03  
Potential Plugging of ECCS Suction Strainers**

Reference: NYPA Letter, M. J. Colomb to the NRC, "Information Regarding NRC  
Bulletin 96-03 Potential Plugging of ECCS Suction Strainers," (JAFP-  
98-0306), dated September 16, 1998.

Dear Sir:

The Authority is revising a commitment made in the reference letter. Specifically, the Authority previously committed to desludge the torus and inspect the ECCS suction strainers during the R14/C15 Refueling Outage (RFO). This RFO is scheduled to commence in Fall 2000. The Authority now plans to desludge the torus every other RFO. This is based on the margin in the allowance for sludge accumulation in the design calculations, Foreign Material Exclusion (FME) Controls, Suppression Pool cleanliness, future inspections plans, and the installation of large capacity passive strainers for the Emergency Core Cooling Systems during the R13/C14 RFO.

The Authority will inspect the ECCS suction strainers and supporting structures during the R14/C15 RFO. The Authority believes that adequate controls are in place which ensure suppression pool cleanliness.

Based on the above, implementing this commitment change will not adversely affect Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) performance and the ECCS will continue to perform the safety function of long-term decay heat removal following a Loss of Coolant Accident. The Authority has concluded that no safety concerns exist with this commitment change.

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Attachment 1 contains the commitment change made by the Authority in this letter.  
If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Tasick at (315) 349-6572.

Very Truly Yours,



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Attachment 1 to JAFP-99-0284

LIST OF COMMITMENTS

| Commitment No.  | Description   | Due Date                                       |
|-----------------|---|--|
| JAFP-99-0284-01 | The torus will be desludged.  | Every Other RFO starting with the R15/C16 RFO. |
| JAFP-99-0284-02 | The ECCS suction strainers and supporting structures will be inspected. | R14/C15 RFO.                                   |