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 greater attention to detail in day-to day activities.

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SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT  
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, we are submitting our response to Appendix A Notice of Violation transmitted by your letter dated June 2, 1987. This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. Petrone of the Region 1 Office on April 13-17, 1987, at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

As a result of the inspection conducted on April 13-17, 1987, and in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy) (1986), the following violation was identified:

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, states, in part, "...activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures...and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions, procedures...." Step 8.12 of Maintenance Procedure MP59.3, Revision 7, dated September 10, 1986, specifies "Limit switch compartment cover secured tightly."

Contrary to the above, two of the fasteners which secure the limit switch compartment cover on the 14-MOV-5B Core Spray Bypass Valve Limitorque motor operator were found loose by our inspection on April 14, 1987. This step had been performed and verified complete by a mechanic's initials on January 30, 1987.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I).

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The Power Authority agrees with the inspection finding as described in Appendix A to the Notice of Violation. Contrary to procedural requirements for the limit switch compartment cover in question to be securely fastened, two of the six fasteners were found loose.

The inspection finding was reviewed with the individuals who were involved in the maintenance activity. To the best of their recollection (nearly four months had transpired), the limit switch compartment cover was securely fastened as specified in the procedure. The cover is not intended to be air or water tight, nor are the cable penetrations to the compartment sealed. The compartment does not need to be sealed for equipment qualification purposes. Therefore, fastening the compartment cover is not a procedural step which receives, or requires, quality control verification. Nevertheless, the findings of this violation will be included in the required reading file for electricians and will be incorporated into the appropriate lesson plans. These activities will be completed by August 30, 1987.

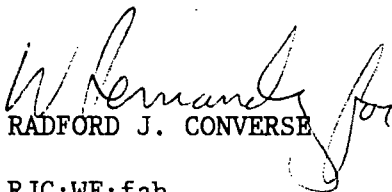
The authority has also reviewed the inspection report and does not agree with the general conclusions which are drawn in Section 2. Section 2 draws the general conclusion that "This indicates a lack of attention to detail or a lack of emphasis on procedural compliance." The Authority does not agree that either is the case with maintenance activities conducted at the FitzPatrick plant. Procedural compliance is stressed in both training programs and departmental meetings. The Authority considers the two loose fasteners (out of a total of six) to be an isolated incident which had no impact on safety.

The Authority notes that the last Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report for the FitzPatrick plant (dated March 13, 1987) addressed both attention to detail and procedural compliance. It states: "Plant personnel now display a greater attention to detail in day-to-day activities." It also states that: "Administrative controls, procedures, and procedural adherence are generally strong, but minor exceptions have been noted that require management attention." and "These examples are not of major significance and are considered isolated events."

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Plant management is aware of this concern and is stressing improvement in this area." Again addressing procedural compliance, the SALP report states that "These are considered to be individual errors and are not indicative of a widespread disregard for procedures." The Authority continues to devote management attention to improving attention to detail and procedural compliance.

  
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