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Subject: Notification of Deviation from NIFG Guidance for Reexamination of Dissimilar Metal Welds  
  
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
License No. DPR-059

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter provides notification of a deviation from the Electrical Power Research Institute (EPRI) Non-Destructive Examination (NDE) Program: NDE Improvement Focus Group (NIFG) guidelines at James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (JAF). Specifically, one of the “needed” corrective actions in EPRI Report 3002000041, “Nondestructive Evaluation Improvement Focus Group Extent of Condition Actions in Response to North Anna Dissimilar Metal Weld Operating Experience,” dated March 2013.

The “needed” corrective action was to reexamine higher-risk dissimilar metal welds within 3 years from the date of issuance of the EPRI Report. JAF has identified six (6) applicable welds. Rather than inspecting them in the upcoming outage in October 2014, JAF is planning these reexaminations during the next outage in October 2016. The deviation is a 7-month extension from the guidance schedule of March 2016 to October 2016.

This deviation from the EPRI NIFG guidelines has been reviewed and approved in accordance with Entergy procedures and NEI 03-08 guidance. This is a notification of a deviation only, and no action is being requested from NRC.

This letter contains no new regulatory commitments. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at 315-349-6766.

Sincerely,

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