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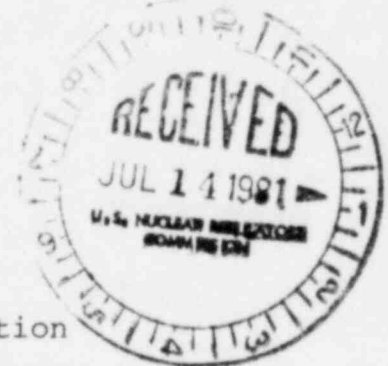
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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
Emergency Procedures and Training for Station  
Blackout Events



Reference: NRC letter from D. G. Eisenhower to all Operating  
Reactors dated February 25, 1981 (Generic  
Letter 81-04)

Dear Sir:

The Power Authority has reviewed plant procedures and operator training to determine the capability to mitigate a station blackout event. The review was conducted in response to, and included the items identified in, the Reference letter. This review has concluded that the present procedures adequately address the actions necessary to mitigate and recover from a station blackout event.

The operating and emergency procedures necessary to respond to a station blackout are covered separately during existing operator requalification. The procedures are not presently reviewed in conjunction with each other and as a comprehensive response to a station blackout. The Authority intends to begin the training of operations personnel to respond to this event, using the existing procedures as a unit, on July 14, 1981. This training will be completed September 15, 1981.

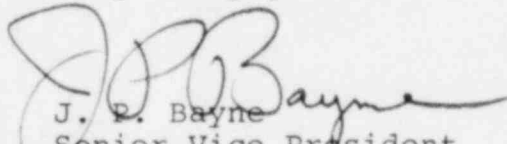
In addition to the review required by the Reference letter, the Authority has compared the existing procedures to the Emergency Procedure Guidelines developed in conjunction with

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the BWR Owners Group. The Authority considers the emergency procedure guidelines, which are symptom oriented, an improvement over the existing procedures. Therefore, these procedures will be revised to improve the operators' ability to mitigate a station blackout. The Authority intends to implement these revised procedures, including training of the operations personnel, in accordance with the implementation requirements of NUREG-0737 Item I.C.1 - Procedures for Transients and Accidents.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

  
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