

POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attention: Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project & Resident Programs

SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
DOCKET NO. 50-333
INSPECTION NO.: 82-28

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 January 19, 1983. This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. Linville of your office on December 1-31, 1982, at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant.

Response to Notice of Violation

A. The Power Authority agrees with this finding:

The fundamental cause of the violation was the failure by the QC Inspector to have the QC Inspection Checklist at the work location.

The immediate corrective action for this violation was to have the component disassembled, the welding performed and the QC inspection performed and documented.

The interim corrective action is as follows:

- 1) These deficiencies were discussed with Quality Control Supervisors and Inspectors. They were instructed to provide a better interface between QC Inspectors at shift turnover to discuss progress of work.

- 2) A copy of the QC Checklist will be attached to the Work Request Form and returned to the Supervision of the Department responsible for performing the work. The QC Inspector, prior to start of work, will discuss the checklist with personnel performing the work. The QC Inspector will identify all inspection points and further specify which inspection points are to be treated as hold points.
- 3) The QC Inspectors shall have a checklist at the work site which accurately indicates the status of work in progress by denoting the inspections performed.
- 4) When using departmental procedures that do not contain department personnel sign-off sheets, the department personnel performing the work shall also sign-off the QC Inspection Checklist.

The permanent corrective action will be to revise actual work procedures as follows:

- 1) New work procedures will be formally issued with inspection and hold points as appropriate, specified in the procedure.
- 2) Existing work procedures concerned with nuclear or environmental safety will be revised to include inspection and hold points, as appropriate. This will be done during the biennial review of the procedure which is required by Administrative Procedure 1.4 entitled Control of Plant Procedures. Since the biennial review interval of all procedures concerned with nuclear or environmental safety cannot exceed two and a half years, this effort will be completed by August of 1985.

The interim corrective measures will be in effect until the permanent corrective actions are complete.

- B. The Power Authority agrees with this finding. The components in question were originally installed in the plant. Following troubleshooting, they were removed, tested, found to be defective, and designated to be returned to the vendor for repair. At that time, to preclude the inadvertent reuse of the component, a defect sticker was applied. The components were shipped to the vendor, repaired and returned with the defect sticker still in place. The fundamental cause of this violation was the failure of the QC Inspector performing receipt inspection to remove the uncontrolled defect sticker after determining that the components had been repaired and were acceptable.

Immediate corrective action was as follows:

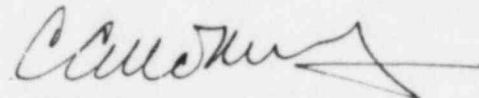
The defect sticker was found by the QC Inspector prior to the component being installed. The documentation from the Purchase Order was reviewed and the item found to be acceptable. The installation was permitted and a Deficiency and Corrective Action Report generated to document the instance and to assure follow-up corrective action for the remaining items received on the same Purchase Order and stored in the Warehouse.

Permanent corrective action was taken as follows:

The remaining applicable items on the Purchase Order were inspected and the unauthorized defect stickers removed. Quality Control Inspectors were further instructed on the necessity of performing thorough receipt inspections and paying particular attention to identification, marking, uncontrolled and extraneous stickers.

In addition, there will be no further use of status indicating tags or stickers without a proper implementing procedure being in effect.

Very truly yours,



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