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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2  
Division of Licensing

Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
Potential Pipe Support Non-Conformance

- References:
1. NYPA letter, J.P. Bayne to D.B. Vassallo, dated September 1, 1983 (JPN-83-79), concerning the same subject.
  2. NYPA letter, J.P. Bayne to D.B. Vassallo, dated November 17, 1983 (JPN-83-96), concerning the same subject.

Dear Sir:

In Reference 1, the Power Authority informed the NRC that we had retained United Engineers and Constructors (UE&C) as an independent third party to review the adequacy of pipe supports in the FitzPatrick plant. Reference 1 also briefly outlined the scope of the UE&C program. The Authority provided a more detailed description of this review in the UE&C status report submitted via Reference 2.

The Authority also informed you, in Reference 2, that discrepancies associated with several pipe supports were identified by UE&C personnel during their last in-plant inspection. For this inspection, UE&C selected a sample of sixteen supports not previously inspected by themselves, the Authority, Stone and Webster (SWEC) or NRC personnel. UE&C inspected selected dimensions and design details of the sixteen supports and identified discrepancies on thirteen. All discrepancies identified by UE&C were forwarded to SWEC for evaluation. That evaluation determined that all affected supports: are operable; will withstand all normal and seismic loads; and, are acceptable without modification.

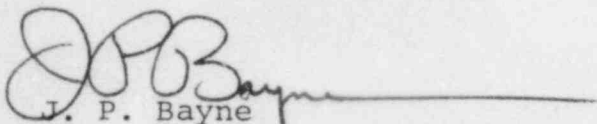
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While this evaluation was in progress, the Authority reinspected the same sixteen supports to verify the discrepancies and to check support details not examined by UE&C. As a result of the reinspection, the Authority identified discrepancies in addition to those noted by UE&C. These have all been forwarded to SWEC for evaluation. As of this date, evaluations of three supports have been completed and resulted in the same conclusions described above. Evaluation of the remaining thirteen supports is continuing on an expedited basis. The Authority plans to have all evaluations complete by December 27, 1983.

The Authority will promptly inform you if any significant findings result from the evaluations. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr. of my staff.

Very truly yours,

  
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