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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
**Proposed Changes to the Technical Specifications Regarding  
Extension of Containment System Surveillance Test  
Intervals to Accommodate 24-Month Operating Cycles (JPTS-95-001D)**

- Reference:
1. NRC Generic Letter 91-04, "Changes in Technical Specification Surveillance Intervals to Accommodate 24-Month Fuel Cycle," dated April 2, 1991.
  2. NYPA Report JAF-RPT-MULTI-01116 Revision 1, "Containment Systems Surveillance Test Extensions," dated September 1, 1995.

Dear Sir:

This application for an amendment to the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant Technical Specifications proposes to extend the surveillance test intervals for the containment systems to support 24 month operating cycles. The proposed changes follow the guidance of Generic Letter (GL) 91-04 (Reference 1). Approval of these changes will eliminate the need to execute mid-cycle outages to conduct these surveillance tests.

Once per operating cycle containment system surveillance tests were evaluated to confirm that the surveillance frequencies could be extended to support a 24 month operating cycle. The evaluation (Reference 2) included a detailed study of containment systems surveillance history. Surveillance test data was analyzed for components affected by the extended operating cycle. The evaluation concluded that all identified containment system surveillance tests can be safely extended to accommodate a 24 month operating cycle.

Extended surveillance intervals are identified in the proposed Technical Specifications as being performed "once per 24 months." This terminology is consistent with the guidance provided in GL 91-04.

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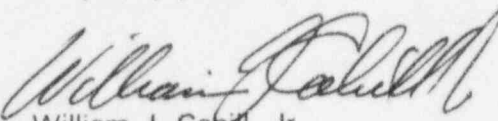
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The signed original of the Application for Amendment to the Technical Specifications is enclosed for filing. Attachments I and III to this application contain the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications and a mark-up of the current Technical Specifications pages, respectively. Attachment II contains the associated Safety Evaluation for the proposed changes. Attachment IV contains a copy of Reference 2.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this application and the associated attachments are being provided to the designated New York State official.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours,



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