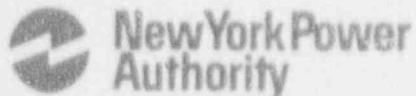


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SUBJECT: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333/DPR-59
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (EP) INSPECTION 50-333/92-06

REFERENCE: J.H. Joyner to H. Salmon, letter dated May 11, 1992
regarding Emergency Preparedness Inspection 50-333/
92-06

Dear Mr. Joyner:

This letter is in response to Emergency Preparedness
Inspection 50-333/92-06. That inspection report noted two
topics that require discussion and reply.

The first topic regards Emergency Action Levels (EALs). The
report identified "some restrictive EAL criteria as
potential inhibitors of timely classification of fast
breaking events" and requested conclusions, planned actions
and schedules associated with this concern.

EALs associated with FitzPatrick are adequate to allow
operators to quickly and accurately classify events.
Changes, however, can be implemented to improve operator
response. The Authority will undertake the following
improvements to the JAFNPP EALs:

1. Formally review and document operator shift comments
regarding EAL revision 7. These comments will then be
resolved and incorporated into the EALs. This will be
completed and sent to the NRC for review by December 1,
1992.
2. Complete a technical basis document and a revision of
JAFNPP EALs. This work will include a review of the
EALs arising from the NUMARC EAL revision process, a
review of Nine Mile Point Units I and II EALs, and human

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factors recommendations. This revision will then be commented on and validated by operating crews in the simulator. This will be completed and sent to the NRC for review within 180 days after the formal issuance of the NUMARC EALs. (Some additional time may be required for State and County review and concurrence if this process is completed prior to NRC review.)

3. Finally, an EAL reference manual will be developed for use by personnel and offsite agencies. This manual will be completed within 120 days after the aforementioned item.

The second topic requiring a response was the "onshift ability to readily perform emergency tasks." The onshift ability to perform emergency tasks is adequate at FitzPatrick. Again, improvements may be made; to that end, NYPA shall complete the following:

1. Improve onshift communications training by conducting some training as part of, or in conjunction with, licensed operator training in the simulator. This will be initiated by December 1, 1992.
2. Additions shall be made to the operating shifts which will improve the ability of onshift crews to perform emergency tasks. These additions will be instituted as committed in the JAFNPP Results Improvement Program.

The Authority is taking an aggressive and forward approach to improvements to these two areas. Please contact Nicholas Avrakotos of my staff if you have any questions or comments regarding this communication.

Very truly yours,


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