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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Boraflex Degradation in Spent Fuel Pool Storage Racks

Reference: NRC Generic Letter 96-04: Boraflex Degradation in Spent Fuel Pool Storage Racks, dated June 26, 1996.

Dear Sir:

This letter informs the NRC that Boraflex is not used as a neutron absorber in either the James A. FitzPatrick (JAF) or the Indian Point 3 (IP3) spent fuel pool storage racks. Boraflex plates (boron carbide in an aluminum matrix) are used as the neutron absorber in the spent fuel pool storage racks of both plants. The referenced Generic Letter addressed the issue of degradation of Boraflex neutron absorbers used in spent fuel storage racks, and requested licensees using the Boraflex material to provide an assessment and corrective actions that address the problem. Considering the absence of Boraflex in either the JAF or IP3 storage racks, the analysis associated with the current design remains acceptable.

There are no commitments contained in this submittal. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'William J. Cahill, Jr.'.

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