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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: **James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant**
Docket No. 50-333
Review of Heavy Load Handling Program

Reference: 1. JAFP-96-0200, NYPA Letter From M. Colomb to the NRC,
"Response to NRC Bulletin 96-02, dated May 10, 1996

2. NRC Bulletin 96-02, "Movement of Heavy Loads Over Spent
Fuel, Over Fuel in the Reactor Core, or Over Safety-Related
Equipment," dated April 11, 1996

Dear Sir:

The Authority has completed a review of the FitzPatrick heavy load program to ensure compliance with the Current Licensing Basis (CLB) and regulatory guidelines, and has evaluated heavy load movements being planned during the next two years at power (in all modes other than cold shutdown, refueling, defueled). The results of these reviews confirm that heavy load movements have been and will continue to be performed within the CLB. The addition of a fuel rack in the spent fuel pool is planned and will require a Technical Specification (TS) amendment because TS Section 5.5 (Fuel Storage) is affected. Prior NRC approval will be requested for any planned heavy load activities that require a change to the Operating License, TS, or constitute an unreviewed safety question as defined by 10 CFR 50.59.

The Authority committed (Reference 1) to transmit this letter to the NRC by August 30, 1996 in response to NRC Bulletin 96-02 (Reference 2).

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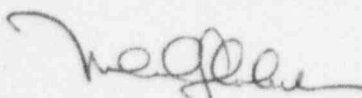
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There are no commitments made by the Authority in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. A. Zaremba.

Very Truly Yours,



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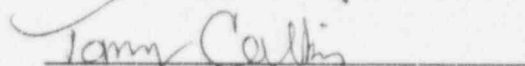
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 30th day of August 1996.


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