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SUBJECT: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Response to NRC Bulletin 95-02 Regarding ECCS Suction Strainer
Inspection Results

- References:
1. NYPA Letter, H. P. Salmon, Jr. to NRC (JAFP-95-0494),
"Response to NRC Bulletin 95-02," dated November 16, 1995.
 2. NRC Bulletin 95-02, Unexpected Clogging of Residual Heat
Removal (RHR) Pump Strainer While Operating in Suppression
Pool Cooling Mode, dated October 17, 1995.

Dear Sir:

This letter transmits the as-found and as-left inspection results for the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) suction strainers at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant conducted during the Refuel 12/Cycle 13 (R12/C13) Refueling Outage (RFO). The Authority committed (Reference 1) to submit a response to inform the NRC of the results of the ECCS suction strainer inspections within 60 days after startup. Based on the inspection results, no operability concerns exist regarding the ECCS suction strainers.

NRC Bulletin 95-02 (Reference 2) requested Fitzpatrick to verify the operability of all pumps which draw a suction from the suppression pool when performing their safety function based on, in part, an evaluation of strainer cleanliness conditions.

As-found ECCS Suction Strainer Inspections

As-found strainer inspections commenced on November 1, 1996. The results of the inspections showed only a light dusting of silt on the strainers and that all six stainless steel strainers (i.e., Reactor Core Isolation Cooling, which is not an ECCS system, High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI), Residual Heat Removal "A" and "B", and Core Spray "A" and "B") were in good condition.

During the HPCI strainer inspection, a piece of clear plastic (Approximately 4" X 12") was found lodged between the pipe nozzle and strainer basket. The clear plastic was removed.

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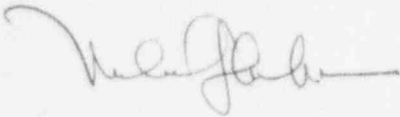
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As-left ECCS Suction Strainer Inspections

The as-left strainer inspections commenced on November 5, 1996. The results of these inspections showed that the strainers remained in good condition. The suction strainers and all 16 torus bays were cleaned during the R12/C13 RFO.

There are no commitments made by the Authority in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. A. Zaremba at 315-349-6365.

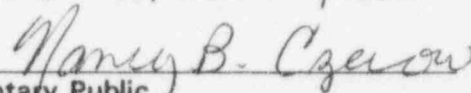
Very truly yours,



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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 23 day of JANUARY 1997.


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