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SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL  
SPECIFICATIONS SECTIONS 6.14A, 6.14B, AND 6.15.6 OF MAY 1996 (TAC  
NO. M95521)

Dear Mr. Knubel:

The NRC staff has reviewed your submittal regarding changes to Sections 6.14A, 6.14B, and 6.5.1.6 of the Technical Specifications. The proposed changes would delete the requirement for the Plant Operating Review Committee to review the fire protection program and implementing procedures. Based on our review, the NRC staff has determined that additional information is required for us to complete our review. Enclosed is a request for additional information.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-1438.

Sincerely,

/s/

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AMENDMENT  
JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

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The NRC staff has reviewed the proposed Technical Specifications (TSs) amendment and needs additional information in regard to the proposed change to Section 6.5.1.6.

Section 6.5.1.6, Item j, of the TS for James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant (Fitzpatrick) currently specifies that the Plant Operating Review Committee (PORC) is responsible for the "review of Fitzpatrick fire protection program and implementing procedures and changes thereto." The application for amendment dated May 16, 1996, proposes to delete Item j, from Section 6.5.1.6 of the TS on the basis of the issuance of Amendment No. 222 on January 18, 1995.

Amendment No. 222 revised Section 6.8 of the TSs. The revision established a new process for the review and approval of procedures. According to this new process, the PORC only reviews and approves those procedures or procedure changes that require a safety evaluation and/or an environmental impact evaluation. The determination that a safety evaluation or an environmental evaluation are needed is accomplished by a screening process performed by qualified individuals.

Provide a description of the screening process for the fire protection program and procedures and of the criteria used to determine whether or not a safety evaluation and/or an environmental impact evaluation is needed.

For fire protection program and procedure changes that do not require a safety evaluation or environmental impact evaluation, describe how the changes are documented, reviewed, approved, and implemented. Identify whether or not the process is proceduralized and identify the organizational responsibilities for following the process, whether proceduralized or not.

For the previous 2 years, provide an itemized summary of the fire protection program changes that were reviewed by the PORC. In addition, for each item, indicate 1) whether or not it would have required a safety and/or environmental impact evaluation and therefore, PORC review, if the proposed TS amendment had been in place during that period, and 2) if the PORC approved the change as proposed or required a change in the proposal which provided a safety benefit. In the context of the information provided, be more specific regarding the administrative burden that would be eliminated from the PORC.