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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN - FITZPATRICK
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

On July 29, 2003, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. The mid-cycle review for FitzPatrick involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating the performance for the first half of the calendar year 2003 assessment cycle. The process included a review of performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results over the previous twelve months. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance and our plans for future inspections at your facility so that you will have an opportunity to prepare for these inspections and to inform us of any planned inspections that may conflict with your plant activities.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, we plan to conduct only baseline inspections at your facility through September 30, 2004.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through September 30, 2004. The inspection plan is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The inspections in the last six months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review meeting.

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If circumstances arise which cause us to change the inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at (610) 337-5211 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: FitzPatrick Inspection/ Activity Plan

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FitzPatrick
Inspection / Activity Plan
06/29/2003 - 10/02/2004

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	7/21EXM	- OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMS	3			
1	U01497	FITZPATRICK INITIAL EXAM (5/5/03)		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Not Applicable
	7112102	- OCC RAD SAFETY	1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71122.03	- PUB RAD SAFETY - REMP	1			
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		08/04/2003	08/08/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71111DS	- DESIGN INSPECTION	7			
1	IP 71111.DS	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		09/15/2003	09/19/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71111.DS	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71121.02	- OCC RAD SAFETY - ALARA	1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		12/08/2003	12/12/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems		12/08/2003	12/12/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111112B	- MAINTENANCE RULE	1			
1	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Effectiveness		12/15/2003	12/19/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7112101	- OCC RAD SAFETY	1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		04/26/2004	04/30/2004	Baseline Inspections
	7111111B	- LO REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM	2			
1	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		05/02/2004	05/07/2004	Baseline Inspections
	71152B	- PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION	3			
1	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		07/19/2004	07/23/2004	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/02/2004	08/06/2004	Baseline Inspections
	71114	- EP PROGRAM INSPECTION & PI VERIFICATION	1			
1	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		08/23/2004	08/27/2004	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		08/23/2004	08/27/2004	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		08/23/2004	08/27/2004	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		08/23/2004	08/27/2004	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		08/23/2004	08/27/2004	Baseline Inspections
	9/27 EXM	- OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMS	3			
1	U01525	FITZPATRICK INITIAL EXAM (8/23-27/04)		08/30/2004	09/03/2004	Not Applicable
1	U01516	FITZPATRICK INITIAL EXAM (2/23-3/1/04)		09/27/2004	10/01/2004	Not Applicable
	7112103	- OCC RAD SAFETY	1			
1	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		09/20/2004	09/24/2004	Baseline Inspections

This report does not include INPO and OUTAGE activities.
 This report shows only on-site and announced inspection procedures.