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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - R.E. GINNA (REPORT 50-244/02-01)

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

On January 29, 2002, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of R.E. Ginna. The end-of-cycle review for Ginna involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period from April 1 through December 31, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period 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 which may conflict with your plant activities.

As discussed in our previous annual assessment letter dated May 31, 2001, this inspection and assessment cycle consisted of three quarters (i.e., the second, third, and fourth calendar quarters of calendar year 2001) instead of the usual four quarters. This change was implemented in order to align the inspection and assessment cycle with the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2002.

Overall, Ginna operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Plant performance for the most recent quarter, as well as for the first two quarters of the assessment cycle, was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix. This categorization was 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 March 31, 2003.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through March 31, 2003, and 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 schedule for the last six months of the inspection plan is tentative and may be revised at the Mid-Cycle Review meeting.

Immediately following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the NRC issued safeguards advisories recommending that nuclear power plant licensees go to the highest level of security, and all promptly did so. With continued uncertainty about the possibility of additional terrorist activities, the Nation's nuclear power plants, including Ginna, remain at a high level of security. On February 25, 2002, the NRC issued an Order to all nuclear power plant licensees, requiring them to take certain additional interim compensatory measures to address the generalized high-level threat environment. These additional compensatory requirements will provide the NRC with reasonable assurance that public health and safety and the common defense and security continue to be adequately protected in the current generalized high-level threat environment. These requirements will remain in effect pending notification from the Commission that a significant change in the threat environment occurs, or until the Commission determines that other changes are needed following a more comprehensive re-evaluation of current safeguards and security programs. To date, we have monitored Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) actions in response to the terrorist attacks through a series of audits. With the issuance of the Order, we will evaluate RG&E's compliance with these interim requirements.

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If circumstances arise which cause us to change this inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at 610-337-5224, with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosure: R.E. Ginna Inspection/Activity Plan

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Ginna
Inspection / Activity Plan
12/30/2001 - 03/31/2003

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	2/11EXAM	- INIT OPER LIC EXAM	5			
1	U01436	GINNA O/L INITIAL EXAM 2/11-15/2002		01/14/2002	01/19/2002	Not Applicable
1	U01436	GINNA O/L INITIAL EXAM 2/11-15/2002		02/12/2002	02/15/2002	Not Applicable
	7112101	- OCC RAD SAFETY - ACCESS	1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		02/11/2002	02/15/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71130	- SECURITY	1			
1	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		03/11/2002	03/15/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizatio		03/11/2002	03/15/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71114	- EP PROGRAM REVIEW & EP PI VERIFICATION	1			
1	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		03/18/2002	03/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		03/18/2002	03/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		03/18/2002	03/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		03/18/2002	03/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		03/18/2002	03/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111108	- INSERVICE INSPECTION	1			
1	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		03/25/2002	03/29/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112102	- OCC RAD SAFETY - ALARA	1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		04/01/2002	04/05/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112203	- PUB RAD SAFETY - REMP	1			
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		05/20/2002	05/24/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112202	- PUB RAD SAFETY - RADWASTE	1			
1	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		06/03/2002	06/07/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111107B	- HEAT SINK	1			
1	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		07/08/2002	07/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112103	- OCC RAD SAFETY - INSTRUMENTATION	1			
1	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation		07/22/2002	07/26/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		07/22/2002	07/26/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71130	- SECURITY-RESPONSE ATT3	2			
1	IP 7113003	Response to Contingency Events (Protective Strategy and Implementation of Protective Strategie		08/05/2002	08/09/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111117B	- MODS & 50.59	4			
1	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		09/23/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		09/23/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71152B	- PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION	4			
1	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		10/07/2002	10/11/2002	Baseline Inspections

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

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	7112101 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ACCESS		1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		02/10/2003	02/14/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111401 - EP EXERCISE & PI VERIFICATION		2			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		03/03/2003	03/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		03/03/2003	03/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
	711112B - MAINTENANCE RULE		1			
1	IP 711112B	Maintenance Rule Implementation		03/10/2003	03/14/2003	Baseline Inspections