

May 30, 2001

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - INDIAN POINT 3 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
(REPORT 0500286/2001-001)

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On May 9, 2001, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant. The end-of-cycle review for Indian Point 3 involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period of April 1, 2000 to March 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. We plan to discuss this assessment with you on July 11, 2001, in a meeting at Indian Point 3 Training Center that is open for public observation.

Overall, Indian Point 3 operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives. 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 currently plan to conduct only baseline inspections at your facility through May 31, 2002.

For your information, the NRC is in the process of aligning the inspection and assessment cycle with the calendar year. In order to transition to a calendar year cycle (January 1- December 31), the next inspection and assessment cycle will consist of only three quarters (i.e. the second, third and fourth calendar quarters of CY 2001). As a result, a quarterly review will be conducted for the third calendar quarter (July 1- September 30) in lieu of a mid-cycle review. The impact on the inspection plan, which is included as enclosure 1, is minimal.

Enclosure 1 details the scheduled inspections that will occur through May 31, 2002. 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.

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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 610-337-5233 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosure: Indian Point 3 Inspection/Activity Plan

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Indian Point 3
Inspection / Activity Plan
06/01/2001 - 05/31/2002

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Type
	711112B - MAINT RULE		1			
3	IP 711112B	Maintenance Rule Implementation		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
	71152 - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION & RESOLUTION		4			
3	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems		07/30/2001	08/03/2001	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/13/2001	08/17/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7113003 - SECURITY - RESPONSE		2			
3	IP 7113003	Response to Contingency Events (Protective Strategy and Implementation of Protective Strategie		07/23/2001	07/27/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7112202 - RADWASTE		1			
3	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		08/20/2001	08/24/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7112201 - RETS		1			
3	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		08/27/2001	08/31/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7111111B - L.O. REQUAL INSPECTION		1			
3	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		09/10/2001	09/14/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7111107B - HEAT SINK		1			
3	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		09/17/2001	09/21/2001	Baseline Inspections
	71121 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1			
3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		10/22/2001	10/26/2001	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		10/22/2001	10/26/2001	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation		10/22/2001	10/26/2001	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		10/22/2001	10/26/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7111105T - FIRE PROTECTION		1			
3	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		02/04/2002	02/08/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		02/18/2002	02/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111121 - SSDI		5			
3	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		11/26/2001	11/30/2001	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		11/26/2001	11/30/2001	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		12/10/2001	12/14/2001	Baseline Inspections
	71121 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1			
3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		01/14/2002	01/18/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		01/14/2002	01/18/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation		01/14/2002	01/18/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		01/14/2002	01/18/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71114 - EP PRGM REVIEW & PI		1			
3	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		01/28/2002	02/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		01/28/2002	02/01/2002	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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				Start	End	
	71114	- EP PRGM REVIEW & PI	1			
3	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		01/28/2002	02/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		01/28/2002	02/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		01/28/2002	02/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121	- OCC RAD SAFETY	1			
3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		04/08/2002	04/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		04/08/2002	04/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation		04/08/2002	04/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		04/08/2002	04/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71130	- SECURITY	1			
3	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		04/22/2002	04/26/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizator		04/22/2002	04/26/2002	Baseline Inspections