

November 29, 2000

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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN - QUAD CITIES

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On November 7, 2000, the NRC staff completed its Mid-Cycle plant performance assessment of Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station. The Mid-Cycle Review involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results for the period of October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000. 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.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter remained within the Degraded Cornerstone column of the NRC's Action Matrix for Mitigating Systems based on a YELLOW performance indicator for Unit 1 high pressure injection unavailability from the first quarter of 2000 and a WHITE performance indicator for seven safety system functional failures on Unit 1 from the second quarter 2000. Unit 2 also had a WHITE performance indicator for seven safety system functional failures in the second quarter. Four of these events were identical to the Unit 1 events because the equipment (control room ventilation and safe shutdown makeup pump) served both units. The YELLOW and WHITE performance indicators were previously discussed in our letters to you dated May 18, 2000 and August 9, 2000. We completed supplemental inspections to evaluate both the YELLOW and WHITE performance indicators in September 2000 and documented the results in Inspection Report 254/00-013; 265/00-013. Overall, your response to the degraded cornerstone was considered acceptable. No further inspection beyond the baseline program is planned.

The enclosed inspection/activity plan details the scheduled inspections that will occur through September 30, 2001. 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 last 6 months of the inspection plans 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 this inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact Mark Ring at 630/829-9703 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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J. E. Dyer
Regional Administrator

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Enclosure: Quad Cities Inspection/Activity Plan

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