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MEMORANDUM TO: Loren R. Plisco, Director
Division of Projects
Region II

FROM: William Dean, Chief */RA/*
Inspection Program Branch
Division of Inspection Program Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your recent letter providing your positive experiences with the quarterly inspection report pilot program. Based on comments from your inspectors, regional managers and licensees, the major advantages of this approach may be in aligning report periods with inspection plans, simplifying the inspection planning and tracking process, reducing the administrative burden, and reductions in FTE resource expenditure. We also have solicited informal feedback about quarterly reporting from resident inspectors, regional management, and licensees during our Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) feedback visits. The general consensus from this feedback has been consistent with your positive experience. Based on this positive feedback, we approve your request to continue the pilot of quarterly inspection reports through the first year of initial implementation of the ROP.

At the recent DRS/DRP Counterpart Meeting, it was agreed that Regions I and IV would consider pilot testing quarterly integrated inspection reports, and Region III would consider pilot testing integrated reports as we strive towards a consistent inspection reporting process among all the regions. Since the meeting, Region IV has agreed to pilot this approach. The results of regional experiences will continue to be discussed at regional counterpart meetings with the goal to agree upon a standard inspection report approach in the next six months.

We understand that you are developing additional guidance for your inspectors regarding exit meeting content and request that you forward your final guidance to my contact Tom Foley for possible incorporation into MC 0610*, "Inspection Reports."

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