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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER
STATION (REPORT 50-277/02-01, 50-278/02-01)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On January 29, 2002, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units 2 and 3. The end-of-cycle review for Peach Bottom 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 30, 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, both units of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station 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 Regulatory Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix based on an inspection finding of low to moderate safety significance (White) in the Emergency Preparedness cornerstone. The inspection finding in the Emergency Preparedness cornerstone involved inadequate maintenance of the on-site public address/evacuation alarm system. The significance of this finding was finalized in our letter dated August 22, 2001. We completed the supplemental inspection of this inspection finding on October 26, 2001, and determined that your causal evaluations, as well as your immediate and long-term actions, in response to this White finding were acceptable.

Additionally, on October 23, 2001, the staff issued a Severity Level III Notice of Violation in accordance with the enforcement policy. The violation was also associated with areas inspected and monitored in the Emergency Preparedness cornerstone. We issued the violation after your staff had become aware of and informed us of improper maintenance activities on several off-site sirens. The improper maintenance activities occurred when contractor personnel created false

maintenance and testing records and installed jumpers on several off-site sirens that bypassed the siren failure detection circuitry. We have completed an inspection of your actions in response to this violation and found them to be acceptable. Our baseline inspection program in the Emergency Preparedness cornerstone will provide us the information to monitor the effectiveness of your long-term corrective actions in response to both the White finding and the Notice of Violation.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through March 31, 2003. The inspection plan also lists the inspections we plan to conduct that are associated with license renewal activities. 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 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 the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, 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 Exelon's actions in response to the terrorist attacks through a series of audits. With the issuance of the Order, we will evaluate Exelon's compliance with these interim requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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 Dr. Mohamed Shanbaky at 610-337-5209 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosure: Peach Bottom Inspection/Activity Plan

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Peach Bottom
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	
	7112201	- PUB RAD SAFETY - RETS	1			
2, 3	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		01/28/2002	02/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121	- OCC RAD SAFETY - INSTRUMENTATION	1			
2, 3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation		02/04/2002	02/08/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112202	- PUB RAD SAFETY - RADWASTE	1			
2, 3	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		04/01/2002	04/05/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71002	- LICENSE RENEWAL	6			
2, 3	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		04/15/2002	04/19/2002	Other Routine
2, 3	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		04/29/2002	05/03/2002	Other Routine
	71130	- SECURITY	1			
2, 3	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		04/15/2002	04/19/2002	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizatio		04/15/2002	04/19/2002	Baseline Inspections
	6/3+EXM	- PB//LM LSRO INITIAL EXAMS	3			
2	U01471	LSRO-PEACH BOTTOM INITIAL EXAM 6/3-9/02		05/13/2002	05/18/2002	Not Applicable
2	U01471	LSRO-PEACH BOTTOM INITIAL EXAM 6/3-9/02		06/03/2002	06/14/2002	Not Applicable
	7111111B	- PB/LM LSRO REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM	2			
2, 3	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		05/20/2002	05/24/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111121	- SSDI	6			
2, 3	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		06/03/2002	06/07/2002	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		06/17/2002	06/21/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71002	- LICENSE RENEWAL	6			
2, 3	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		07/08/2002	07/12/2002	Other Routine
2, 3	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		07/22/2002	07/26/2002	Other Routine
	7111107B	- HEAT SINK	1			
2, 3	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		08/19/2002	08/23/2002	Baseline Inspections
	9/23 EXM	- OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMS	2			
2	U01446	PEACH BOTTOM 2&3 O/L INITIAL EXAM 9/23-27/2002		08/26/2002	08/30/2002	Not Applicable
2	U01446	PEACH BOTTOM 2&3 O/L INITIAL EXAM 9/23-27/2002		09/23/2002	09/27/2002	Not Applicable
	7112203	- PUB RAD SAFETY - REMP	1			
2, 3	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		08/26/2002	08/30/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121	- OCC RAD SAFETY	1			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/23/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/23/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121	- OCC RAD SAFETY	1			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		10/21/2002	10/25/2002	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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2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		10/21/2002	10/25/2002	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		10/21/2002	10/25/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111108 - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1			
2	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		10/21/2002	10/25/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111401 - EP EXERCISE & EP PI VERIFICATION		5			
2, 3	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		11/18/2002	11/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		11/18/2002	11/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		11/18/2002	11/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		11/18/2002	11/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		11/18/2002	11/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71151 - PUB RAD SAFETY PI VERIFICATION		1			
2, 3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		12/02/2002	12/06/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		01/20/2003	01/24/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		01/20/2003	01/24/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation		01/20/2003	01/24/2003	Baseline Inspections
	711117B - PERMANENT PLANT MODS		3			
2, 3	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		02/10/2003	02/14/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 711117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		02/10/2003	02/14/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71130 - SECURITY		1			
2, 3	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		02/24/2003	02/28/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizator		02/24/2003	02/28/2003	Baseline Inspections