

August 23, 2002

Mr. Theodore Sullivan
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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN -
FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

On August 7, 2002, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of FitzPatrick. In accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0305 "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," the mid-cycle review involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating the performance of your FitzPatrick facility for the first half of the current assessment cycle, January 1 - December 31, 2002. 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 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 performance indicators (PIs) indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, we plan to conduct only baseline inspections at FitzPatrick through September 30, 2003.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through September 30, 2003. 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 six months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review.

In addition, the NRC is in the process of finalizing a Temporary Instruction (TI) that will be used to review implementation of the Interim Compensatory Measures required by the Agency's Security Order to all commercial nuclear power plants dated February 25, 2002. Schedules have not yet been finalized, but it is anticipated that these inspections will begin within the next calendar quarter. Once finalized, the details will be communicated by separate correspondence.

Mr. Theodore Sullivan

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If circumstances arise which cause us to change the inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at (610) 337-5211 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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FitzPatrick
Inspection / Activity Plan
06/30/2002 - 09/30/2003

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	71114	- EP PROGRAM REVIEW & EP PI VERIFICATION	1			
1	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		07/29/2002	08/02/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		07/29/2002	08/02/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		07/29/2002	08/02/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		07/29/2002	08/02/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 711151	Performance Indicator Verification		07/29/2002	08/02/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71152B	- PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION	3			
1	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/12/2002	08/16/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/26/2002	08/30/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71151	- PI VERIFICATION - PUBLIC RAD SAFETY	1			
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		09/09/2002	09/10/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112101	- OCC RAD SAFETY - ACCESS	1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/09/2002	09/13/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111108	- INSERVICE INSPECTION	1			
1	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		10/28/2002	11/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112102	- OCC RAD SAFETY - ALARA	1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		10/21/2002	10/25/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		10/21/2002	10/25/2002	Baseline Inspections
	711117B	- MODS	3			
1	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		11/18/2002	11/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 711117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		11/18/2002	11/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71130	- SECURITY	1			
1	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		01/06/2003	01/10/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizati		01/06/2003	01/10/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7112201	- PUB RAD SAFETY - RETS	1			
1	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		03/17/2003	03/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71122.02	- RADWASTE	1			
1	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71130.03	- SECURITY	2			
1	IP 7113003	Response to Contingency Events (Protective Strategy and Implementation of Protective Strate		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111107B	- HEAT SINK	1			
1	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		06/02/2003	06/06/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111401	- EPEXERCISE & PI VERIFICATION	3			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		06/09/2003	06/13/2003	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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	71121.01 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ACCESS		1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		06/16/2003	06/20/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7/21EXM - OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMS		3			
1	U01497	FITZPATRICK INITIAL EXAM (5/5/03)		06/23/2003	06/27/2003	Not Applicable
1	U01497	FITZPATRICK INITIAL EXAM (5/5/03)		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Not Applicable
	71122.03 - REMP		1			
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		08/11/2003	08/15/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111121 - SSDI		6			
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		09/15/2003	09/19/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections