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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN -
INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT 3

Dear Mr. Barrett:

On August 7, 2002, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit 3 (Indian Point 3). 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 Indian Point 3 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 PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, we plan to conduct only baseline inspections at your facility through September 30, 2003.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled for the next year. 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.

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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) 337-5234 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Indian Point 3
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	
	7112203 - PUB RAD SAFETY - REMP		1			
3	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		07/08/2002	07/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71152B - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION		3			
3	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		09/16/2002	09/20/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		09/30/2002	10/04/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1			
3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/09/2002	09/13/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/09/2002	09/13/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		09/09/2002	09/13/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		09/09/2002	09/13/2002	Baseline Inspections
	711111B - U3 L.O.REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM		2			
3	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		09/16/2002	09/20/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111401 - EXERCISE EVALUATION		2			
3	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		10/14/2002	10/18/2002	Baseline Inspections
	711117B - MODS & 50.59		3			
3	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		10/21/2002	10/25/2002	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 711117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		10/21/2002	10/25/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71151 - PUB RAD SAFETY PI VERIFICATION		2			
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		11/04/2002	11/08/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1			
3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7112201 - PUB RAD SAFETY - RETS		1			
3	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		02/03/2003	02/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
	3/10+EXM - U3 OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMS		3			
3	U01504	INDIAN POINT 3 INITIAL EXAM (3/10/03)		02/09/2003	02/13/2003	Not Applicable
3	U01504	INDIAN POINT 3 INITIAL EXAM (3/10/03)		03/10/2003	03/21/2003	Not Applicable
	7111108 - INSERVICE INSPECTION		2			
3	IP 2515/145	Circumferential Cracking of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Penetration Nozzles (NRC Bulletin .		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	Safety Issues
3	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71121 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1			
3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	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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3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
	711112B	- MAINTENANCE RULE	1			
3	IP 711112B	Maintenance Effectiveness		06/02/2003	06/06/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71122.02	- RADWASTE	1			
3	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		07/07/2003	07/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71130	- SECURITY	1			
3	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		07/14/2003	07/18/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizatio		07/14/2003	07/18/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111107B	- HEAT SINK	1			
3	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		08/18/2003	08/22/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71121	- OCC RAD SAFETY	1			
3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
3	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections