

March 3, 2003

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SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - ANNUAL ASSESSMENT  
LETTER 50-333/2003-001

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

On February 11, 2003, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. The end-of-cycle review for FitzPatrick involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period from January 1 through 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 that may conflict with your plant activities.

Overall, FitzPatrick operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety, and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Plant performance for the most recent quarter and during the previous three quarters 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 perform only baseline inspections at your facility through March 31, 2004.

As you are aware, since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the NRC has issued several Orders and threat advisories to enhance security capabilities and improve guard force readiness. We have conducted inspections to review your implementation of these requirements and have monitored your actions in response to changing threat conditions. For calendar year 2003, we plan to continue these inspections, conduct portions of the security baseline inspection program, as well as perform additional inspections to evaluate your compliance with new requirements that may be ordered. Based on our final determinations in this regard, we will notify you of any inspection plan changes.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through March 31, 2004. 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

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onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The inspections in the last six months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the mid-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 me at 610-337-5211 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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**FitzPatrick**  
**Inspection / Activity Plan**  
**12/29/2002 - 03/27/2004**

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Type
	<b>7112201 - PUB RAD SAFETY - RETS</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		03/17/2003	03/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71122.02 - RADWASTE</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		04/07/2003	04/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71151 - EP PI VERIFICATION</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		05/05/2003	05/09/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71121.01 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ACCESS</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		05/12/2003	05/16/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>T1148BC - SEC ICM</b>		<b>6</b>			
1	IP 2515/148	Inspection of Nuclear Reactor Safeguards - Interim Compensatory Measures		05/19/2003	05/23/2003	Safety Issues
	<b>7111107B - HEAT SINK</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		06/02/2003	06/06/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111401 - EP EXERCISE &amp; PI VERIFICATION</b>		<b>4</b>			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		06/02/2003	06/06/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		06/02/2003	06/06/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7/21EXM - OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMS</b>		<b>3</b>			
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
	<b>71122.03 - REMP</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		08/11/2003	08/15/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111121 - SSDI</b>		<b>5</b>			
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
	<b>71121.02 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ALARA</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		12/08/2003	12/12/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111112B - MAINTENANCE RULE</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Effectiveness		12/15/2003	12/19/2003	Baseline Inspections