

March 3, 2003

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

On February 6, 2003, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. The end-of-cycle review for Ginna 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 which may conflict with your plant activities.

Overall, Ginna was 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 one finding of low to moderate safety significance (White). This finding concerned failure of the offsite emergency siren feedback system, associated with the emergency preparedness cornerstone. We are aware that you have taken action to address this issue and our supplemental inspection for follow-up to the white finding is currently scheduled for April 2003.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspection scheduled through March 31, 2004. The inspection plan includes a one time inspection activity for the upcoming reactor vessel head replacement. 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 inspections scheduled for the last six months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised during the mid-cycle review meeting.

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.

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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 James Trapp at 610-337-5186 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Ginna
Inspection / Activity Plan
12/29/2002 - 03/27/2004

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	7111111B - L.O.REQUALIFICAITON PROGRAM		2			
1	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		12/08/2003	12/12/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111401 - EP EXERCISE		7			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		03/03/2003	03/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111121 - SSDI		6			
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		03/31/2003	04/04/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		04/14/2003	04/18/2003	Baseline Inspections
	711112B - MAINTENANCE RULE		1			
1	IP 711112B	Maintenance Effectiveness		03/24/2003	03/28/2003	Baseline Inspections
	95001 - 95001 FOR SIREN FOLLOW UP		1			
1	IP 2515/139	Insp of Licensee's Implementation of Generic Letter 96-01, "Testing of Safety Related log		04/21/2003	04/25/2003	Safety Issues
	71122.01 - PUB RAD SAFETY - RETS		1			
1	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		06/09/2003	06/13/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71002 - LICENSE RENEWAL SCOPING		5			
1	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		06/23/2003	06/27/2003	Other Routine
	7112101 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ACCESS		1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		07/07/2003	07/11/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71002 - LICENSE RENEWAL AGING		4			
1	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Other Routine
1	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		08/04/2003	08/08/2003	Other Routine
	71151 - EP PI VERIFICATION		1			
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		08/04/2003	08/08/2003	Baseline Inspections
	T1148BC - SEC ICM		6			
1	IP 2515/148	Inspection of Nuclear Reactor Safeguards - Interim Compensatory Measures		08/04/2003	08/08/2003	Safety Issues
	71007 - REACTOR VESSEL HEAD REPLACEMENT		2			
1	IP 71007	Reactor Vessel Head Replacement Inspection		08/15/2003	10/20/2003	Other Routine
	7111108 - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1			
1	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR		09/22/2003	09/26/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71121.02 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ALARA		1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/22/2003	09/26/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7111105T - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION		3			
1	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		11/03/2003	11/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
	7112101 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ACCESS		1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		02/23/2004	02/27/2004	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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				Start	End	
71114 - EP PROGRAM REVIEW & PI VERIFICATION			1			
1	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		03/01/2004	03/05/2004	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		03/01/2004	03/05/2004	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		03/01/2004	03/05/2004	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		03/01/2004	03/05/2004	Baseline Inspections
7112203 - PUB RAD SAFETY - REMP			1			
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		03/01/2004	03/05/2004	Baseline Inspections
4/5 EXM - OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMS			3			
1	U01507	GINNA INITIAL EXAM (9/22/03)		03/08/2004	03/12/2004	Not Applicable