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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
NOTIFICATION OF AN NRC BIENNIAL PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND
RESOLUTION INSPECTION 05000263/2005006

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

On January 31, 2005, NRC will begin the required biennial problem identification and resolution (PI&R) inspection at your Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. This inspection will be performed in accordance with the NRC baseline inspection procedure 71152.

Experience has shown that these inspections are extremely resource intensive both for the NRC inspectors and the utility staff. In order to minimize the impact that the inspection has on the site and to ensure a productive inspection for both sides, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for the inspection.

The documents are lists of information, necessary in order to ensure the inspection team is adequately prepared for the inspection. The documents should be available for on-site review by the inspection team on January 13, 2005. The inspection team will use the lists to select additional documents for detailed review. The additional documents should be available to the team when they return to the site on January 31, 2005, to begin the inspection.

The lead inspector for this inspection is Mr. Ronald Langstaff. If there are any questions about the material requested, or the inspection in general, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Langstaff at 630-829-9747, or to contact him by e-mail at ral4@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

/RA by Ronald Langstaff for/

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Docket Nos. 50-263
License Nos. DPR-22

Enclosure: Requested Information to Support Problem
Identification and Resolution (P&IR) Inspection

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**Requested Information to Support
Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) Inspection**

1. A copy of administrative procedure(s) for the corrective action process, trending program, quality assurance audit program, self-assessment program, corrective action effectiveness review program, and industry operating experience review program.
2. A copy of Quality Assurance audits and/or self-assessments of the corrective action program completed since November 2003.
3. Have available for review and use a copy of the QA manual.
4. Have available for review and use a copy of the Employee Concerns Program/Ombudsman administrative procedure.
5. A list of Quality Assurance audits completed since November 2003 with a brief description of areas where findings were identified.
6. A list of self-assessments completed since November 2003.
7. A list of root cause evaluations completed since November 2003.
8. A list of test failures (Inservice Testing or Technical Specification surveillances) since November 2003, with a brief description of component/system which failed.
9. A list of all open significant condition reports (Levels 1 and 2) sorted by significance level. Include a description of the issue and the significance category.
10. A list of significant condition reports (Level 1 and 2) closed since November 2003 including a description, significance category, date initiated, date closed, and whether there is an associated operability evaluation.
11. A list of condition reports initiated since November 2003 that involve inadequate or ineffective corrective actions. Include a brief description, status, and significance category of the issue.
12. A list of condition reports initiated since November 2003 that identify trends of conditions adverse to quality. Include a brief description, status, and significance category for each item.
13. A copy of any performance indicator reports used to track the corrective action program effectiveness.
14. A list of condition reports issued during the past three refueling outages sorted by system and component. Include a brief description, status, and significance category for each item.

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15. A list of the top ten risk significant systems.
16. A list of the top ten risk significant components.
17. A list of all human performance errors since November 2003.
18. List of condition reports issued since November 2003 where the NRC was the identifying organization.
19. A list of operability determinations issued since November 2003.
20. A list of condition reports involving operator work-arounds (including those where operator work-arounds were part of the solution) since November 2003.