

October 4, 2005

Mr. K. M. Haas  
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Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant  
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SUBJECT: BIG ROCK POINT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006 MASTER INSPECTION PLAN

Dear Mr. Haas:

In accordance with NRC Manual Chapter 2561, "Decommissioning Power Reactor Inspection Program," the NRC Region III staff and management have developed a Master Inspection Plan (MIP) for Big Rock Point. The plan is based on your current performance and schedule of significant decommissioning activities planned for the site for October 2005 through September 2006 (FY2006). The plan outlines how we intend to focus our Regional inspection resources to address significant ongoing decommissioning activities.

Because the FY2006 MIP is based, in part, on your proposed schedule of significant decommissioning activities for FY2006, the plan and the focus of NRC inspection activities may change to reflect a change in your planned decommissioning activities or your performance. In order to ensure that the FY2006 MIP remains current, we request that you keep the Decommissioning Branch staff informed of any significant changes in your proposed schedule of decommissioning activities. You will be informed of any significant changes to the Big Rock Point FY2006 MIP.

We currently project the Region will conduct eight inspections during FY2006. The following is a list of the inspection procedures we expect to use during our inspections. The specific procedures used on each inspection will depend on the decommissioning activities being conducted. Additional inspection procedures may be used or inspections conducted if decommissioning activities warrant. The inspection procedures listed below are accessible from the NRC Website at

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/insp-manual/inspection-procedure/index.html>.

Inspection

Procedure

Inspection Procedure Title

IP 36801	Organization, Management and Cost Controls
IP 40801	Self-Assessment, Auditing, and Corrective Action
IP 71801	Decommissioning Performance and Status Review
IP 83750	Occupational Radiation Exposure
IP 83801	Inspection of Final Surveys
IP 84750	Radioactive Waste Treatment, and Effluent and Environmental Monitoring
IP 86750	Solid Radioactive Waste Management and Transportation of Radioactive Materials

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We will be glad to discuss any questions you may have regarding these inspection plans. If you have any questions, please contact William Snell of my staff at (630) 829-9871.

Sincerely,

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