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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FORD NUCLEAR REACTOR MASTER
INSPECTION PLAN - FISCAL YEAR 2010

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In accordance with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Inspection Manual, Chapter 2545, "Research and Test Reactor Inspection Program," the NRC Region III staff and management have developed a Master Inspection Plan (MIP) for the Ford Nuclear Reactor. The plan is based on your current performance and schedule of significant decommissioning activities planned for the site for fiscal year (FY) 2010, which is from October 2009 through September 2010. The plan outlines how we intend to focus our regional inspection resources to address significant ongoing decommissioning activities.

Because the FY 2010 MIP is based, in part, on your proposed schedule of significant decommissioning activities for FY 2010, the plan and focus of the NRC inspection activities may change to reflect a change in your planned decommissioning activities or your performance. In order to ensure that the FY 2010 MIP remains current, we request that you keep the Materials Control, ISFSI and 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 Ford Reactor FY 2010 MIP.

We currently project the region will conduct an inspection at the Ford Reactor during January 2010 to observe decommissioning activities associated with a drain line on the east side of the reactor building. A second inspection will be conducted during FY 2010 to observe final status surveys if they are under way. The following is a list of the inspection procedures we expect to use during our inspections. The specific procedures used during each inspection will depend on the specific decommissioning activities being conducted.

Inspection Procedure

IP 69013

IP 83801

Title

Research and Test Reactor Decommissioning

Inspection of Final Surveys of Permanently Shutdown Reactors

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

Sincerely,

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