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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE LETTER FOR BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
(REPORT 05000334/2011006 AND 05000412/2011006)

Dear Mr. Harden:

On August 9, 2011, the NRC completed its mid-cycle performance review of the Beaver Valley Power Station, Units 1 and 2. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility. This performance review and enclosed inspection plan do not include security information. A separate letter will include the NRC's assessment of your performance in the Security Cornerstone and its security-related inspection plan.

The NRC determined the performance at Beaver Valley, Units 1 and 2 during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., green) safety significance, and all PIs indicated that your performance was within the nominal, expected range (i.e., green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2012. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle performance review. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes.

In the days following the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident in Japan, the Commission directed the staff to establish a senior-level agency task force to conduct a methodical and systematic review of the NRC's processes and regulations to determine whether the agency should make additional improvements to its regulatory system. The NRC has since completed Temporary Instruction (TI) 183, "Follow-up to Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Station Fuel Damage Event," and TI-184, "Availability and Readiness Inspection of Severe Accident Management Guidelines (SAMGs)" at your facility. Results of these inspections can be found here: <http://www.nrc.gov/japan/japan-activities.html>. Additionally, on May 11, 2011, the agency issued NRC Bulletin 2011-01, "Mitigating Strategies," to confirm compliance with Order EA-02-026, subsequently imposed license conditions, and 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2), and to

determine the status of licensee mitigating strategies programs. On July 12, 2011, the NRC's Task Force made its recommendations to the Commission in its report, "Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century: The Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Daiichi Accident." The NRC is currently reviewing the Task Force's recommendations to determine what additional actions may be warranted.

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Please contact me at 610-337-5046 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Eugene M. DiPaolo, Acting Chief
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Beaver Valley
Inspection / Activity Plan

07/01/2011 - 12/31/2012

Unit Number	Planned Dates Start End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
		71124 - OCC RAD SAFETY - REMP		1
1,2	07/18/2011 07/22/2011	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
		711111B - BV2 REQUAL INSP W/ P/F RESULTS		2
2	10/17/2011 10/21/2011	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
		71152B - PI&R		4
1,2	08/29/2011 09/02/2011	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1,2	09/12/2011 09/16/2011	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
		4/8EXAM - BEAVER VALLEY 1 INITIAL EXAM		4
1	03/12/2012 03/16/2012	U01846	FY-12 BV1 INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
1	04/09/2012 04/13/2012	U01846	FY-12 BV1 INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
		71124 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1
1,2	03/12/2012 03/16/2012	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1,2	03/12/2012 03/16/2012	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1,2	03/12/2012 03/16/2012	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
		7111108P - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	04/16/2012 04/27/2012	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
		71124 - OCC RAD SAFETY		1
1,2	04/23/2012 04/27/2012	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1,2	04/23/2012 04/27/2012	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1,2	04/23/2012 04/27/2012	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1,2	04/23/2012 04/27/2012	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
		9/24EXM - BV2 INITIAL EXAM		5
2	08/27/2012 08/31/2012	U01850	FY12-BV2 INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
2	09/24/2012 10/05/2012	U01850	FY12-BV2 INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
		7111111B - BV1 ON-SITE REQUAL INSP W/ P/F RESULTS		2
1,2	07/29/2012 08/02/2012	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
		EP EX - EP EXERCISE EVALUATION		5
1,2	06/18/2012 06/22/2012	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation	
1,2	06/18/2012 06/22/2012	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
		71124 - RW		1
1,2	06/25/2012 06/29/2012	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
		TRI FI - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		8
1,2	07/23/2012 07/27/2012	IP 7111105P	Fire Protection-NFPA 805 Transition Period [Triennial]	

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1,2	08/06/2012	08/10/2012	IP 7111105P	Fire Protection-NFPA 805 Transition Period [Triennial]	
			71124	- RMS	1
1,2	07/23/2012	07/27/2012	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
			TI-177	- MANAGING GAS ACCUMULATION IN ECCS	3
1,2	09/10/2012	09/14/2012	IP 2515/177	Managing Gas Accumulation In Emergency Core Cooling, Decay Heat Removal & Containment Spray System	
			7111108P	- INSERVICE INSPECTION	1
2	10/01/2012	10/05/2012	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
2	10/15/2012	10/19/2012	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			71124	- OCC RAD SAFETY	1
1,2	10/22/2012	10/26/2012	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1,2	10/22/2012	10/26/2012	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1,2	10/22/2012	10/26/2012	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
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