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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - NINE MILE POINT  
NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

On November 5, 1996, the NRC staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by NRC management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for Nine Mile Point involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period June 2, 1996 through November 5, 1996. PPRs provide NRC management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Nine Mile Point PPR review. It 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. The enclosure details our inspection plan for the next 12 months. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact Lawrence T. Doerflein at 610-337-5378.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Lawrence T. Doerflein, Chief  
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**ENCLOSURE**

**INSPECTION PLAN FOR NINE MILE POINT UNITS 1 AND 2**

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Inspection Program (mandatory all plants)

<b>INSPECTION</b>	<b>TITLE/PROGRAM AREA</b>	<b>PLANNED START INSPECTION DATES</b>	<b>TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS</b>
IP 83750	Occupational Radiation Exposure - Outage	2/17/97 - Unit 1	Core Inspection
IP 73753	Inservice Inspection	2/24/97 - Unit 1	Core Inspection
IP 81700	Physical Security (Visit 1)	2/24/97	Core Inspection
IP 83750	Occupational Radiation (Visit 1)	4/21/97	Core Inspection
IP 61725	Surveillance Testing Program	4/21/97	Regional Initiative: Weakness in scheduling of mode-related and other non-periodic surveillance and technical adequacy of surveillance procedures
IP 64704	Fire Protection Program	5/5/97	Core Inspection
IP 71001	Licensed Operator Requalification Program Evaluation	5/26/97 - Unit 1	Core Inspection
IP 83750	Occupational Radiation (Visit 2)	6/16/97	Core Inspection
IP 81700	Physical Security (Visit 2)	6/23/97	Core Inspection
IP 82701	Operational Status of the Emergency Preparedness Program	7/14/97	Core Inspection
IP 84750	Radwaste Treatment, Effluent & Environmental Monitoring (Effluent)	7/14/97	Core Inspection
IP 82302	Review EP Exercise Objectives and Scenario	7/21/97	Core Inspection



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IP 40500	Effectiveness of Licensee Controls in Identifying, Resolving and Preventing Problems	July 97 (5 Inspectors / 2 weeks)	Core & Regional Initiative: Expanded effort to include identified corrective action program weaknesses: 1) ISEG ineffectiveness & procedures/internal controls 2) DER threshold, root cause analyses quality, & tracking/trending across all program areas 3) Identification/resolution of long standing design & equipment issues 4) The 50.59 process, poor quality of safety evaluations & safety determinations
IP 86750 and TI 2515/133	Solid Radwaste Management & Transportation  Implementation of Revised 49 CFR Parts 100-179 and 10 CFR Part 71	8/10/97	Core Inspection  Safety Issue Inspection
IP 37550	Engineering (Visit 2)	9/8/97	Core Inspection
IP 82301	EP Exercise - Full Participation	9/22/97 (Unit 1) (also appl. Unit 2)	Core Inspection
IP 71001	Licensed Operator Requalification Program Evaluation	4th Qtr 97 - Unit 2	Core Inspection
		11/8/97	End of SALP Period



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