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February 13, 2012

Mr. Jack M. Davis  
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SUBJECT: FERMI POWER PLANT, UNIT 2, NOTIFICATION OF NRC INSPECTION AND  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Mr. Davis:

On May 7, 2012, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will begin inspection of refueling and other outage activities (NRC Inspection Procedure 71111.20) prior to the next refueling outage scheduled for the Fermi Power Plant. This inspection will utilize NRC Operating Experience Smart Sample: (OpESS) FY 2007-03, Revision 2, "Crane and Heavy Lift Inspection, Supplemental Guidance for IP-71111.20," issued September 12, 2008. This inspection will focus on the impact of load handling activities on the reactor core and its cooling and plant support systems. Specifically, this inspection will review applicable design and licensing bases, engineering design and analysis, procedures, and surveillances associated with the reactor vessel head removal and installation during refueling outages including: (1) reactor shield plugs, drywell head, reactor pressure vessel head, steam separator, steam dryer lifting devices; (2) reactor vessel head safe load paths; and (3) reactor building crane preventative maintenance, inspections and testing. The on-site portion of the inspection will take place on May 7 – 11, 2012 and May 21 – 25, 2012.

Experience has shown that inspection of these activities is resource intensive both for the NRC inspector and the licensee staff. In order to minimize the inspection impact on the site and to ensure a productive inspection for both parties, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for the inspection. This information should be available in Region III by April 30, 2012, (preparatory week). It is important that all of these documents are up to date and complete in order to minimize the number of additional documents requested during the preparation and/or the on-site portions of the inspection.

We have discussed the schedule for these inspection activities with your staff and understand that our regulatory contact for this inspection will be Mr. J. Pendergast, of your organization. If there are any questions about this inspection or the material requested, please contact the inspector, Mr. J. Bozga, at (630) 829-9613.

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Sincerely,

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David E. Hills, Chief  
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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-341  
License No. NPF-43

Enclosure: Crane and Heavy Lift Inspection Document Request  
(Information for Preparation Week and Information  
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## CRANE AND HEAVY LIFT INSPECTION DOCUMENT REQUEST

**Inspection Dates:** May 7 – 11 and May 21 – 25, 2012

**Inspection Procedures:** Inspection Procedure (IP) 71111.20, "Refueling and Other Outage Activities"

**Lead Inspector:** John V. Bozga  
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### ***I. Information Requested for In-Office Preparation Week***

The following information (paper copy if practicable, unless otherwise indicated) is requested to be available in Region III on April 30, 2012. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the lead inspector as soon as possible.

A copy of the following documents related to heavy load control during removal or installation of the reactor vessel head:

- (1) Fermi submittals as a result of NRC December 22, 1980, unnumbered Generic Letter (GL) (now NRC numbered as GL 80-113) and GL 81-07, "Control of Heavy Loads" regarding NUREG 0612, "Control of Heavy Loads at Nuclear Power Plants," six-month response (Phase I) and nine-month response (Phase II). Final Supplement to Safety Evaluation Report related to NUREG 0612, Phase I and Phase II, if applicable.
- (2) Fermi Corrective Action Program Reports related to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2005-25, "Clarification of NRC Guidelines for Control of Heavy Loads," NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2005-25, "Supplement 1 Clarification of NRC Guidelines for Control of Heavy Loads," Enforcement Guidance Memorandum 2007-006, "Enforcement Discretion for Heavy Load Handling Activities," and Nuclear Energy Institute 08-05, "Industry Initiative on Control of Heavy Loads."
- (3) Design calculations for lifting lugs on reactor pressure vessel head, drywell head, steam dryer, and steam separator and design calculations for lifting devices associated with lifting the reactor shield plugs, drywell head, reactor pressure vessel head, steam dryer and steam separator.
- (4) Documents that establish the total lift weight for the existing reactor pressure vessel head, reactor shield plugs, drywell head, steam dryer and steam separator.
- (5) Site procedures associated with control of heavy loads-"safe load paths", which includes removal of the reactor vessel head during refueling operations, installation of the reactor vessel head during refueling operations, and any contingency actions taken to mitigate the consequences of a postulated reactor pressure vessel head drop.

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- (6) Reactor building crane vendor recommendations regarding preventative maintenance, and inspection, and testing prior to use.
- (7) Site procedures associated with reactor building crane preventative maintenance, inspection, and testing prior to lifting the reactor vessel head.
- (8) Documentation for reactor building crane preventative maintenance, inspection, and testing performed during last refueling outage prior to lifting the reactor vessel head.
- (9) Site procedures used for implementation of industry standards related to training and qualification of reactor building crane operators
- (10) The most recent site control of heavy loads program audit and/or self-assessment.
- (11) Corrective action documents generated as a result of most recent site control of heavy loads program audit and/or self-assessment.
- (12) A copy of the Fermi Updated Final Safety Analysis Report.

### ***II. Information Requested to be provided throughout the inspection***

- (1) Copies of any corrective action documents generated as a result of the inspector's questions or queries during this inspection.
- (2) Copies of the list of questions submitted by the lead inspector and the status/resolution of the information requested (provide daily during the inspection to lead inspector).

If you have questions regarding the information requested, please contact the lead inspector.

J. Davis

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