

November 29, 2000

Mr. M. Hammer  
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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN -  
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Mr. Hammer:

On November 8, 2000, the NRC staff completed its Mid-Cycle plant performance assessment of Monticello. The Mid-Cycle Review for Monticello involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results for the period of April 2, 2000, through September 30, 2000. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period and our plans for future inspections at your facility so that you will have an opportunity to prepare for these inspections and to inform us of any planned inspections which may conflict with your plant activities.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, we plan to conduct only baseline inspections at your facility through September 30, 2001.

Enclosure 1 details the scheduled inspections that will occur through September 30, 2001. The inspection plan 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. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The last 6 months of the inspection plan are tentative and will be revised at the end-of-cycle review meeting.

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If circumstances arise which cause us to change this inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at (630) 829-9629 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Monticello Inspection/Activity Plan

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**Monticello**  
**Inspection / Activity Plan**  
**12/01/2000 - 09/30/2001**

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	<b>DRPBR5 - ROUTINE RESIDENT INSPECTION</b>		<b>2</b>			
1	IP 7111101	Adverse Weather Protection		11/15/2000	12/31/2000	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111117A	Permanent Plant Modifications		11/15/2000	12/31/2000	Baseline Inspections
	<b>IP 71122 - RAM PROC/TRANS</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		12/11/2000	12/15/2000	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		12/11/2000	12/15/2000	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71111.11 - LIC OPERATOR REQUAL PROGRAM EVALUATION</b>		<b>2</b>			
1	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		02/12/2001	02/16/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>PI&amp;R - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION &amp; RESOLUTION</b>		<b>3</b>			
1	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems		02/12/2001	02/23/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>IP 71122 - LIQ/GAS EFFLUENTS</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		02/20/2001	02/23/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71130 - SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION-AA/AC/PI/SP</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		04/09/2001	04/13/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizati		04/09/2001	04/13/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7113004	Security Plan Changes		04/09/2001	04/13/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		04/09/2001	04/13/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>MR - BIENNIAL MAINTENANCE RULE</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Rule Implementation		04/30/2001	05/04/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>FY 2001 - MONTICELLO INIT PREP 05/2001</b>		<b>3</b>			
1	W90033	OL - INITIAL EXAM - MONTICELLO		05/14/2001	05/18/2001	Not Applicable
	<b>71111.01 - ADVERSE WEATHER(HOT)</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7111101	Adverse Weather Protection		06/01/2001	06/30/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>FY 2001 - MONTICELLO INIT EXAM 06/2001</b>		<b>3</b>			
1	W90033	OL - INITIAL EXAM - MONTICELLO		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Not Applicable
	<b>IP 71114 - BIENNIAL EMERG PREP EXER INSP</b>		<b>3</b>			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>IP 71121 - ALARA &amp; RP ACCESS CONTROLS</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71114.01 - EP EXERCISE(RESIDENT PORTION)</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		06/06/2001	06/07/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>IP 71122 - REMP &amp; UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE INSP</b>		<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		07/16/2001	07/20/2001	Baseline Inspections

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	<b>SSDI</b>	<b>- BIENNIAL SAFETY SYSTEM DESIGN</b>	<b>6</b>			
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		07/16/2001	08/03/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>50.59</b>	<b>- CHANGES TESTS EXPERIMENTS</b>	<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		08/27/2001	08/31/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71111.20</b>	<b>- REFUELING OUTAGE</b>	<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7111120	Refueling and Outage Activities		09/01/2001	10/01/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>IP 71121</b>	<b>- OUTAGE RP ALARA INSP</b>	<b>2</b>			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/10/2001	09/14/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/10/2001	09/14/2001	Baseline Inspections
	<b>ISI</b>	<b>- INSERVICE INSPECTION</b>	<b>1</b>			
1	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		09/10/2001	09/14/2001	Baseline Inspections

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