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SUBJECT: MIDCYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN - RIVER BEND STATION

Dear Mr. Edington:

On November 6, 2000, the NRC staff completed its midcycle plant performance assessment of the River Bend Station. The Midcycle Review for the River Bend Station involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results for the period of April 2 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. However, several issues were still under consideration at the time of the Midcycle Review. The results of these reviews will be communicated separately.

The enclosure 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 plans are tentative and may 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 (817) 860-8148 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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River Bend Station Inspection/Activity Plan

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River Bend Station
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	
	OB-PIR	- PIR INSPECT	5			
1	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems		11/27/2000	12/01/2000	Baseline Inspections
	EMB	- HEAT SINK PERF & MAINT RULE IMPLEMENT	2			
1	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		02/12/2001	02/16/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Rule Implementation		02/12/2001	02/16/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PSB-S2	- ACCESS AUTH/CONTROL & PIV	1			
1	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizatio		02/12/2001	02/16/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		02/12/2001	02/16/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PSB-RP6	- ALARA PLANNING/CONTROL 2	1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		03/05/2001	03/09/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PSB-RP5	- EFFLUENTS	1			
1	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		03/19/2001	03/23/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PSB-RP7	- ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING	1			
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		03/26/2001	03/30/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PSB-EP1	- A&N, ERO, PI&R, EAL/EP, PIV	1			
1	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		04/30/2001	05/04/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		04/30/2001	05/04/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		04/30/2001	05/04/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		04/30/2001	05/04/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		04/30/2001	05/04/2001	Baseline Inspections
	EMB	- TRIENNIAL FP	6			
1	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		05/14/2001	05/18/2001	Baseline Inspections
	OB-RQ	- REQUAL INSP	2			
1	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		06/25/2001	06/29/2001	Baseline Inspections
	EMB	- PERM MODS	2			
1	IP 7111117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		09/17/2001	09/21/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PSB-RP1	- ALARA PLANNING AND CONTROLS (3)	1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/24/2001	09/28/2001	Baseline Inspections

This report does not include INPO and OUTAGE activities.
This report shows only on-site and announced inspection procedures.