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SUBJECT: Assessment Follow-up Letter - Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2

Dear Mr. Katz:

On, October 28, 2003, the NRC staff completed a quarterly review of Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2. The assessment evaluated the performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of your safety performance during this period and our plans for a future inspection at your facility.

Our review of Nine Mile Point Unit 2 third quarter 2003 performance identified that you have crossed the threshold from Green to White for the "Unplanned Scrams Per 7000 Critical Hours" PI. Specifically, there were four unplanned scrams since November, 2002. Three of these were caused directly by equipment failure. As a result, we have assessed Nine Mile Point Unit 2 performance to be in the Regulatory Response column of the NRC's Action Matrix. Therefore, we plan to conduct a supplemental inspection in accordance with Inspection Procedure 95001 following the completion of your root cause analysis. This inspection procedure is conducted to provide assurance that the root causes and contributing causes of the risk significant performance issues are understood, the extent of condition is identified, and the corrective actions are sufficient to prevent recurrence.

Please inform Mr. James Trapp, Chief, Projects Branch 1, at 610-337-5186 within 14 days of receipt of this letter of your schedule for completing your evaluation of the issues that led to this White PI. Based on this information, we will schedule our supplemental inspection during a mutually convenient time.

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Please contact Mr. Trapp with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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