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September 1, 2015

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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT (REPORT 05000244/2015005)

Dear Mr. Pacher:

On August 12, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed its mid-cycle performance review of R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Ginna). The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility.

The NRC determined that overall, Ginna operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at Ginna during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., Green) safety significance, and all PIs indicated that your performance was within the nominal, expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

In addition to baseline inspections, the NRC will perform Inspection Procedure 60855, "Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants," Inspection Procedure 92702, "Follow-up on Traditional Enforcement Actions Including Violations, Deviations, Confirmatory Action Letters, Confirmatory Orders, and Alternate Dispute Resolution Confirmatory Orders," and Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515/190, "Inspection of the Licensee's Proposed Interim Actions as a Result of the Near-term Task Force Recommendation 2.1 Flooding Reevaluation," and TI 2515/191, "Inspection of the Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation Orders and Emergency Preparedness Communication/Staffing/Multi-Unit Dose Assessment Plans." The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through June 30, 2017. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last half of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle performance review. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes. This inspection plan does not include security-related inspections, which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.

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Please contact me at (610) 337-5262 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Division of Reactor Projects

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Inspection / Activity Plan

07/01/2015 - 06/30/2017

Unit Number	Planned Dates		Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
	Start	End			
			71124 - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTION - ALARA		1
1	07/13/2015	07/17/2015	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
			71124 - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTION - REMP		1
1	08/17/2015	08/21/2015	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
			TI 190 - NTTF RECOMMENDATION 2.1 FLOOD		1
1	09/08/2015	09/11/2015	IP 2515/190	Inspection of Interim Actions of Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.1 Flooding Reevaluations	
			TRI FI - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		4
1	09/14/2015	09/18/2015	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1	09/28/2015	10/02/2015	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
			71124 - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTION - RAD HAZ		1
1	10/19/2015	10/22/2015	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
			7111108P - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	10/26/2015	11/06/2015	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			71124 - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTION - HAZ PIV		1
1	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			BI - RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY - EXT EXPOSURE		1
1	02/01/2016	02/05/2016	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
			71152B - PI&R BIENNIAL		1
1	03/14/2016	03/18/2016	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1	03/28/2016	04/01/2016	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
			BI - RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY - AIRBORNE		1
1	03/21/2016	03/25/2016	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
			71124.08 - RADWASTE		1
1	04/11/2016	04/15/2016	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
			EP - EP PROGRAM INSPECTION		1
1	05/02/2016	05/06/2016	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	05/02/2016	05/06/2016	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	05/02/2016	05/06/2016	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
			TI-191 - FUKUSHIMA LESSONS-LEARNED		1
1	05/16/2016	05/20/2016	IP 2515/191	Inspection of Licensee's Responses to Order EA-12-049, EA-12-051 & EP Info Request March 12, 2012	
			7111121 - CDBI		5
1	06/13/2016	06/17/2016	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	06/27/2016	07/01/2016	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	

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

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1	07/11/2016	07/15/2016	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
			ISFSI - ISFSI LOADING CAMPAIGN INSPECTION		1
1	07/11/2016	07/15/2016	IP 60855	Operation Of An ISFSI	
1	07/11/2016	07/15/2016	IP 60855.1	Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants	
			BI - RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY - ALARA		1
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
			3/20EXAM - GINNA INITIAL EXAM		4
1	02/20/2017	02/24/2017	U01943	FY17-GINNA INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
1	03/20/2017	03/31/2017	U01943	FY17-GINNA INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
			BI - RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY - RAD HAZ & PIV		1
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent Occurrences	
			7111111B - GINNA REQUAL INSP WITH P/F RESULTS		2
1	12/12/2016	12/16/2016	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
			71124 - RADIATION SAFETY - INSTRUMENTS		1
1	03/27/2017	03/31/2017	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
			71124 - RADIATION SAFETY - RAD HAZ PIV		1
1	05/01/2017	05/05/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	05/01/2017	05/05/2017	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
1	05/01/2017	05/05/2017	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent Occurrences	
			7111108P - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	05/01/2017	05/12/2017	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			71124 - RADIATION SAFETY - RETS		1
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	