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P. M. Donnelly, Plant Manager  
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Consumers Power Company  
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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - BIG ROCK POINT

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

On November 8, 1996, NRC Region III management and staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of Big Rock Point. The Region conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by regional management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for Big Rock Point involved the participation of all Region III technical divisions as well as responsible NRR staff, in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period from March 1995 through October 1996. PPRs provide regional management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews.

No changes in inspection focus were identified as a result of the PPR.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Big Rock Point PPR review. The information is provided to enable appropriate consideration of the resource impact on your staff, and to permit scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for approximately the next 6 months. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

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We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at 630-829-9629.

Sincerely,

/w/Lewis F. Miller

Lewis F. Miller Jr., Chief  
Reactor Projects Branch 6

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Enclosure: Inspection Plan

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## INSPECTION PLAN

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Inspection Program (mandatory all plants)

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS
IP 82701	Emergency Preparedness	1	3/31-4/4/97	Routine Emergency Preparedness
IP 37550 INCL 40500	Engineering and Technical Support	4	4/14-5/5/97	Team
TI 2515/132	Security Vehicle Barrier	1	4/28-5/1/97	Routine Security
TI 2515/127	Security Access Acuthorization	1	4/28-5/1/97	Routine Security
IP 83750	Radiation Protection	1	5/12-5/16/97	Routine Radiation Protection
IP 73753	Inservice Inspection/Flow Accelerated Corrosion Review	1	During Refueling Outage	Routine Inservice Inspection; and Initiative Followup Review of Flow Assisted Corrosion Inspection Program
	Maintenance Rule	3	7/7-7/11/97	Rule Implementation Inspection
IP 84750	Radioactive Effluents and Chemistry	1	4/14-8/96	Core Effluent and Chemistry Inspections