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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF SYSTEM OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE INSPECTION
(SOPI)

Dear Mr. Gipson:

This is to inform you that the NRC will perform a system operational performance inspection (SOPI) at the Fermi 2 Nuclear Generating Plant. We have chosen the residual heat removal system as the primary focus and safety relief valves (SRVs) as a secondary focus for this SOPI. The inspection will generally follow the guidance of NRC Inspection Procedure 93801, "Safety System Functional Inspection," but will focus more on operational performance than a typical safety system functional inspection. The inspection's onsite activities are scheduled for the weeks of January 21-23 (pre-inspection), February 3-7 and February 17-21, 1997.

The inspection will assess design, operation, maintenance, surveillance, quality assurance, and corrective actions associated with the systems selected. To accomplish these objectives, the SOPI team will review a broad range of information and system activities.

Following the entrance on January 22, 1997, the team would appreciate a short systems overview presentation followed by a general plant tour of the control room, available portions of the SRV system, residual heat removal system, and the emergency diesel generators.

If you have any questions regarding the information on the enclosure, or on the inspection itself, please contact Zelig Falevits at (630) 829-9717.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Mark A. Ring

Mark A. Ring, Chief
Lead Engineers Branch

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