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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - FERMI 2

Dear Mr. Gipson:

On March 13, 1997, NRC staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of Fermi Nuclear Station Unit 2. The staff 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 Fermi 2 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 of October 1996 through March 1997. PPRs provide NRC 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.

The PPR revealed that performance improvement in the Operations and Engineering functional areas was slow during this period. In addition, this PPR review revealed a decline in performance in the Maintenance functional area. This declining trend is primarily due to personnel errors and work control errors.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Fermi 2 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, as well as periodic inspections by other assigned members of our site focus group, may occur at any time in support of the Core inspection program.



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We are interested in feedback on this program, including the need for any changes in the inspection plan, and we invite your questions or comments. If changes are necessary, you will be informed. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Michael Jordan at (630) 829-9637.

Sincerely,

/s/ John A. Grobe for  
James L. Caldwell, Director  
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Enclosure: Inspection Plan

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INSPECTION PLAN

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS
	Maintenance Performance Inspection	2	5/12-23/97	Regional Initiative
IP 84750	Radiation Monitors and Effluent Monitoring	2	5/12-16/97	Core Inspection
IP 84750	Chemistry and REMP	1-2	6/2-6/97	Core Inspection
IP 84750	Radiation Protection	1-2	8/25-29/97	Core Inspection
IP 82701	Routine EP inspection	1-2	4/28-5/1/97	Core Inspection
TI 2515/132	Vehicle Barrier System	1	8/4-5/97	TI Inspection
	Engineering & Technical Support	2-5	5/19-23/97	Core Inspection
IP 81700	Security Core Inspection	1	5/19-23/97	Core Inspection
IP 81700	Security Core Inspection	1	8/25-29/97	Core Inspection

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Program (mandatory all plants)