

August 23, 2002

Mr. John L. Skolds, President
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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN
LASALLE COUNTY STATION

Dear Mr. Skolds:

On July 31, 2002, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of LaSalle County Station. In accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0305 "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," the mid-cycle review involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating the performance of your LaSalle County Station facility for the first half of the current assessment cycle, January 1 - December 31, 2002. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period and our plans for future inspections at your facility so that you will have an opportunity to prepare for these inspections and to inform us of any planned inspections which may conflict with your plant activities.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, we plan to conduct only baseline inspections at your facility through September 30, 2003.

In our March 2001 Annual Assessment Letter, we identified two areas where additional NRC attention was warranted: A White Performance Indicator (PI) for Reactor Scrams per 7000 Critical Hours and a potential adverse trend in the Human Performance cross-cutting area. The Reactor Scrams per 7000 Critical Hours PI returned to Green by the end of June 2002 and our supplemental inspection completed on January 9, 2002, identified your staff was taking appropriate actions to address the issue. We also monitored the potential adverse trend in human performance over the past 6 months and have concluded that the number and significance of human performance issues have declined.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through September 30, 2003. The inspection plan is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The inspection plan for the last 6 months is tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review.

In addition, the NRC is in the process of finalizing a Temporary Instruction that will be used to review implementation of the Interim Compensatory Measures required by the Agency's Security Order to all commercial nuclear power plants dated February 25, 2002. Schedules have not yet been finalized, but it is anticipated that these inspections will begin within the next calendar quarter. Once finalized, the details will be communicated by separate correspondence.

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If circumstances arise which cause us to change the inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at 630/829-9629 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
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Docket No. 50-373; 50-374
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Enclosure: LaSalle County Station Inspection/Activity Plan

See Attached Distribution

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Lasalle
Inspection / Activity Plan
09/01/2002 - 09/30/2003

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	SSDI	- SAFETY SYSTEM BIENNIAL & MOD/50.59 (DRS)	6			
1, 2	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		09/09/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		09/09/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		09/09/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71130	- SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION-AA/AC/PI/PC	1			
1, 2	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		09/16/2002	09/20/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizator		09/16/2002	09/20/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7113004	Security Plan Changes		09/16/2002	09/20/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		09/16/2002	09/20/2002	Baseline Inspections
	IP 71122	- RAD MATERIAL PROC/SHIPPING INSPECTION	1			
1, 2	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		11/12/2002	11/15/2002	Baseline Inspections
	ISI	- ISI FOR UNIT 1	2			
1	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		12/09/2002	12/13/2002	Baseline Inspections
	71121.02	- OUTAGE ALARA INSPECTION	1			
1, 2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
	IP 71114	- NON-EXERCISE BASELINE EP INSPECTION	1			
1, 2	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		01/13/2003	01/17/2003	Baseline Inspections
	ISI	- ISI FOR UNIT 2	1			
2	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		01/21/2003	01/24/2003	Baseline Inspections
	FY 2003	- LASALLE INIT PREP 04/2003	2			
1	W90079	OL - INITIAL EXAM - LASALLE - APR/MAY 2003		04/28/2003	05/02/2003	Not Applicable
	IP 71122	- LIQ/GASEOUS EFFLUENTS INSPECTION	1			
1, 2	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		05/19/2003	05/23/2003	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		05/19/2003	05/23/2003	Baseline Inspections
	FY 2003	- LASALLE INIT EXAM 05/2003	3			
1	W90079	OL - INITIAL EXAM - LASALLE - APR/MAY 2003		05/19/2003	05/30/2003	Not Applicable
	71111.11	- LIC OPERATOR REQUAL PROGRAM EVALUATION	3			
1, 2	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		06/23/2003	09/12/2003	Baseline Inspections
	71152B	- BIENNIAL PI&R INSPECTION	2			
1, 2	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		07/14/2003	08/01/2003	Baseline Inspections

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