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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN -  
PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION UNITS 2 and 3

Dear Mr. Skolds:

On July 31, 2003, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance review of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units 2 and 3. The mid-cycle review for Peach Bottom involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance for the first half of the calendar year 2003 assessment cycle. The process included a review of performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results over the previous twelve months. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance 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 that may conflict with your plant activities.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the Regulatory Response column of the NRC's Action Matrix based on one safety significant inspection finding involving both units. The finding was of low to moderate safety significance (White) in the Emergency Preparedness cornerstone and involved improper use of Peach Bottom's emergency classification scheme during an Alert declaration in June 2002. We conducted a supplemental inspection for this finding in June 2003 and determined that Exelon's response was acceptable. Therefore, we plan to conduct only baseline inspections and other routine inspections at your facility through September 30, 2004.

The significance of a finding involving the loss of power to the Unit 3 high pressure coolant injection alternative control station for approximately nine days in May 2003, is still under review as part of the Significance Determination Process. The significance of this finding has the potential to be greater than very low safety significance, but does not present an immediate safety concern since Exelon has restored power to the control station. If the final significance of the finding is determined to be greater than very low safety significance, then we will inform Exelon of any changes to Unit 3's plant performance assessment and future inspection activities.

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The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through September 30, 2004. Our inspection plan also includes an inspection of your independent spent fuel storage installation in May 2004. 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 inspections in the last six months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review meeting.

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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 Dr. Mohamed Shanbaky at 610-337-5209 with questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Peach Bottom Inspection/ Activity Plan

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**Peach Bottom**  
**Inspection / Activity Plan**  
**06/29/2003 - 10/02/2004**

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	<b>71114</b>	<b>- EP PROGRAM INSP</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111404</b>	<b>- EMERGENCY PLAN CHANGES</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		07/28/2003	07/30/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71121</b>	<b>- OCC RAD SAFETY</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		08/11/2003	08/15/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		08/11/2003	08/15/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		08/11/2003	08/15/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111108</b>	<b>- INSERVICE INSPECTION - UNIT 3</b>	<b>2</b>			
3	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR		09/22/2003	09/26/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71121</b>	<b>- OCC RAD SAFETY</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>711112B</b>	<b>- MAINTENANCE RULE</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 711112B	Maintenance Effectiveness		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71121</b>	<b>- OCC RAD SAFETY</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7112201</b>	<b>- OCC RAD SAFETY - RETS</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		01/12/2004	01/16/2004	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71121</b>	<b>- OCC RAD SAFETY</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		02/02/2004	02/06/2004	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		02/02/2004	02/06/2004	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		02/02/2004	02/06/2004	Baseline Inspections
	<b>ISFSI</b>	<b>- ISFSI INSPECTION</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 60855	Operation Of An ISFSI		05/03/2004	05/07/2004	Other Routine
2, 3	IP 60856	Review of 10 CFR 72.212(b) Evaluations		05/03/2004	05/07/2004	Other Routine
2, 3	IP 60857	Review of 10 CFR 72.48 Evaluations		05/03/2004	05/07/2004	Other Routine

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

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	<b>7112202</b>	<b>- PUB RAD SAFETY - RADWASTE</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111121</b>	<b>- SSDI</b>	<b>7</b>			
2, 3	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		06/14/2004	06/18/2004	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		06/28/2004	07/02/2004	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111401</b>	<b>- EXERCISE EVALUATION &amp; EP PI VERIFICATION</b>	<b>6</b>			
2, 3	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		06/21/2004	06/25/2004	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 711151	Performance Indicator Verification		06/21/2004	06/25/2004	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111107B</b>	<b>- HEAT SINK</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		08/16/2004	08/20/2004	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71121</b>	<b>- OCC RAD SAFETY</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		08/23/2004	08/27/2004	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		08/23/2004	08/27/2004	Baseline Inspections
	<b>71121</b>	<b>- OCC RAD SAFETY</b>	<b>1</b>			
2, 3	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/27/2004	10/01/2004	Baseline Inspections
2, 3	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/27/2004	10/01/2004	Baseline Inspections
	<b>7111108G</b>	<b>- INSERVICE INSPECTION</b>	<b>2</b>			
2	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR		09/27/2004	10/01/2004	Baseline Inspections