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SUBJECT: Annual Assessment Letter - R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

On May 8, 2001, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. The review involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period of April 1, 2000, to March 31, 2001. 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. On June 20, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., we plan to discuss this assessment with you and your staff in a meeting at the Ginna Training Center. The meeting will be open for public observation.

Overall, Ginna operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives. 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 performance indicators indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (green). Therefore, we plan to conduct only baseline inspections at your facility through May 31, 2002.

While plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the Action Matrix, there was one safety significant performance indicator during the first and second quarters of the assessment cycle. The Alert and Notification System (ANS) performance indicator, in the Reactor Safety - Emergency Preparedness cornerstone, was "white" for these two quarters. A supplemental inspection was completed in September 2000, which concluded that your staff had effectively assessed the identified ANS design and testing problems which caused this performance indicator to cross into the Regulatory Response Column. The inspectors identified that your staff had taken appropriate corrective action to address these system performance deficiencies and the performance indicator returned to "green" during the third quarter.

Enclosure 1 details the scheduled inspections that will occur through May 31, 2002. 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.

For your information, the NRC is in the process of aligning the inspection and assessment cycle with the calendar year. In order to transition to a calendar year cycle (January 1- December 31),

the next inspection and assessment cycle will consist of only three quarters (i.e. the second, third and fourth calendar quarters of CY 2001). As a result, a quarterly review will be conducted for the third calendar quarter (July 1- September 30) in lieu of a mid-cycle review. The impact on the inspection plan, which is included as Enclosure 1, is minimal.

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If circumstances arise which cause us to change this inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at 610-337-5224 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant Inspection / Activity Plan

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Ginna
Inspection / Activity Plan
06/01/2001 - 05/31/2002

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Type
	7111121 - SSDI		7			
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7111401 - EP EXERCISE EVALAUTION		9			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 711151	Performance Indicator Verification		06/04/2001	06/08/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7112201 - RETS		1			
1	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		06/11/2001	06/15/2001	Baseline Inspections
	71152 - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION & RESOLUTION		3			
1	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/06/2001	08/10/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/20/2001	08/24/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7112102 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ALARA		1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		07/30/2001	08/03/2001	Baseline Inspections
	71130 - SECURITY		1			
1	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		08/06/2001	08/10/2001	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizati		08/06/2001	08/10/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7112103 - OCC RAD SAFETY - CALIBRATION		1			
1	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation		10/01/2001	10/05/2001	Baseline Inspections
	7111111B - LIC OPER RQ INSP		3			
1	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		10/15/2001	10/19/2001	Baseline Inspections
	2/11EXAM - INIT OPER LIC EXAM		5			
1	U01436	GINNA O/L INITIAL EXAM 2/11-15/2002		01/14/2002	01/19/2002	Not Applicable
1	U01436	GINNA O/L INITIAL EXAM 2/11-15/2002		02/12/2002	02/15/2002	Not Applicable
	7112102 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ALARA		1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		01/07/2002	01/11/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7113003 - SECURITY - RESPONSE		2			
1	IP 7113003	Response to Contingency Events (Protective Strategy and Implementation of Protective Strate		03/11/2002	03/15/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7111108 - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1			
1	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		04/15/2002	04/19/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112102 - OCC RAD SAFETY - ALARA		1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		04/15/2002	04/19/2002	Baseline Inspections
	7112203 - PUB RAD SAFETY - REMP		1			
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		05/20/2002	05/24/2002	Baseline Inspections

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