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September 1, 2015

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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR
STATION, UNIT 1 (REPORT 05000289/2015005)**

Dear Mr. Hanson:

On August 13, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed its mid-cycle performance review of Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility.

The NRC determined that overall, Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., green) safety significance, and all PIs indicated that your performance was within the nominal, expected range (i.e., green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through June 30, 2017. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle performance review. In addition to baseline inspections, the NRC will perform Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515-191, "Inspection of the Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation Orders and Emergency Preparedness Communications/Staffing/Multi-Unit Dose Assessment Plans." The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes. This inspection plan does not include security-related inspections, which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.

In response to the accident at Fukushima, the Commission issued Order EA-12-049, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events," which requires licensees to develop, implement, and maintain guidance and strategies to maintain or restore core cooling, containment, and spent fuel pool cooling capabilities following a beyond-design-basis external event. Additionally, the Commission

issued Order EA-12-051, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation," which requires licensees to have a reliable means of remotely monitoring wide-range Spent Fuel Pool levels to support effective prioritization of event mitigation and recovery actions in the event of a beyond-design-basis external event. The NRC is conducting audits of licensee efforts towards compliance with these Orders. The on-site portion of the audit was completed at Three Mile Island and the information gathered will aid staff in development of the Final Safety Evaluation for the site. After the NRC staff receives the Final Compliance letter for the site, the Final Safety Evaluation will be issued. Then, the NRC staff will confirm through inspections the full implementation of the orders mentioned above performing TI 191, "Inspection of the Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation Orders and Emergency Preparedness Communications/Staffing/Multi-Unit Dose Assessment Plans."

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Please contact me at (610) 337-5046 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Three Mile Island
Inspection / Activity Plan
07/01/2015 - 06/30/2017

| Unit Number | Planned Dates | | Inspection Activity | Title | No. of Staff on Site |
|-------------|---------------|------------|---|---|----------------------|
| | Start | End | | | |
| | | | 09/28EXM - INITIAL OL EXAM | | 4 |
| 1 | 08/31/2015 | 09/04/2015 | U01913 | FY16-TMI INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM | |
| 1 | 09/28/2015 | 10/07/2015 | U01913 | FY16-TMI INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM | |
| | | | 71124.07 - REMP INSPECTION | | 1 |
| 1 | 07/06/2015 | 07/10/2015 | IP 71124.07 | Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program | |
| 1 | 07/06/2015 | 07/10/2015 | IP 71151 | Performance Indicator Verification | |
| | | | 71124 - RAD SAFETY INSPECTION | | 1 |
| 1 | 08/31/2015 | 09/04/2015 | IP 71124.01 | Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls | |
| 1 | 08/31/2015 | 09/04/2015 | IP 71124.02 | Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls | |
| 1 | 08/31/2015 | 09/04/2015 | IP 71124.04 | Occupational Dose Assessment | |
| | | | 71124.08 - RADWASTE | | 1 |
| 1 | 09/14/2015 | 09/18/2015 | IP 71124.08 | Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation | |
| | | | 71124 - RAD SAFETY INSPECTION | | 1 |
| 1 | 11/02/2015 | 11/06/2015 | IP 71124.01 | Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls | |
| 1 | 11/02/2015 | 11/06/2015 | IP 71124.02 | Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls | |
| 1 | 11/02/2015 | 11/06/2015 | IP 71124.03 | In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation | |
| 1 | 11/02/2015 | 11/06/2015 | IP 71124.04 | Occupational Dose Assessment | |
| 1 | 11/02/2015 | 11/06/2015 | IP 71151 | Performance Indicator Verification | |
| | | | 7111108P - INSERVICE INSPECTION | | 2 |
| 1 | 11/02/2015 | 11/13/2015 | IP 7111108P | Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR | |
| | | | 7111117T - PERMANENT PLANT MODIFICATIONS | | 3 |
| 1 | 01/25/2016 | 01/29/2016 | IP 7111117T | Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications | |
| 1 | 02/08/2016 | 02/12/2016 | IP 7111117T | Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications | |
| | | | 71124 - RAD SAFETY INSPECTION | | 1 |
| 1 | 02/08/2016 | 02/12/2016 | IP 71124.06 | Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment | |
| 1 | 02/08/2016 | 02/12/2016 | IP 71151-PR01 | RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent Occurrences | |
| | | | EP PROG - EP PROGRAM INSPECTION | | 1 |
| 1 | 02/22/2016 | 02/26/2016 | IP 7111402 | Alert and Notification System Testing | |
| 1 | 02/22/2016 | 02/26/2016 | IP 7111403 | Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System | |
| 1 | 02/22/2016 | 02/26/2016 | IP 7111405 | Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies | |
| | | | 71152BI - PI&R BIENNIAL | | 4 |
| 1 | 05/02/2016 | 05/06/2016 | IP 71152B | Problem Identification and Resolution | |
| 1 | 05/16/2016 | 05/20/2016 | IP 71152B | Problem Identification and Resolution | |

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| 1 | 05/16/2016 | 05/20/2016 | IP 71124.04 | Occupational Dose Assessment | |
| | | | 711110T - TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK | | 1 |
| 1 | 07/18/2016 | 07/22/2016 | IP 7111107T | Heat Sink Performance | |
| | | | 71124 - RAD SAFETY INSPECTION | | 1 |
| 1 | 08/08/2016 | 08/12/2016 | IP 71124.05 | Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation | |
| | | | TI-191 - FUKUSHMIA LESSONS-LEARNED | | 1 |
| 1 | 08/15/2016 | 08/19/2016 | IP 2515/191 | Inspection of Licensee's Responses to Order EA-12-049, EA-12-051 & EP Info Request March 12, 2012 | |
| | | | 71124 - RAD SAFETY INSPECTION | | 1 |
| 1 | 11/14/2016 | 11/18/2016 | IP 71124.01 | Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls | |
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| 1 | 11/14/2016 | 11/18/2016 | IP 71151-OR01 | Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness | |
| | | | 6/26EXAM - TMI INITIAL EXAM | | 4 |
| 1 | 05/29/2017 | 06/02/2017 | U01944 | FY17-TMI INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM | |
| 1 | 06/26/2017 | 07/07/2017 | U01944 | FY17-TMI INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM | |
| | | | 7111105T - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION | | 5 |
| 1 | 01/23/2017 | 01/27/2017 | IP 7111105T | Fire Protection [Triennial] | |
| 1 | 02/06/2017 | 02/10/2017 | IP 7111105T | Fire Protection [Triennial] | |
| | | | 7111111B - TMI REQUAL INSP WITH P/F RESULTS | | 2 |
| 1 | 03/13/2017 | 03/17/2017 | IP 7111111B | Licensed Operator Requalification Program | |
| | | | 71124 - HP INSPECTION | | 1 |
| 1 | 05/08/2017 | 05/12/2017 | IP 71124.02 | Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls | |
| 1 | 05/08/2017 | 05/12/2017 | IP 71124.03 | In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation | |
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