

Exhibit 9

Sample Mid-Cycle Letter

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Licensee name/address

SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN - **(Official Plant Name)**

Dear **(Mr./Ms. Last name of addressee)**

On **(date(s))**, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of **(Official plant name)**. The mid-cycle Review for **(official plant name)** involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period of **(January 1, YR)** through **(June 30, YR)**. 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.

(Use one of the two paragraphs below, as appropriate)

1. (Use the last two sentences of this paragraph, as appropriate)

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 30th, 200X. However, the significance of **(state finding)** is still under review as part of the Significance Determination Process. **(Add additional details, as necessary)**

2. **(Use the following sentences, as appropriate)**

Plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the **(Regulatory Response, Degraded Cornerstone, or Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone)** column of the NRC's Action Matrix based on **(briefly state the number of safety significant performance indicators and inspection findings, including appropriate characterization of safety significant, and associated cornerstone)**.

[provide additional information as necessary including current and proposed NRC and licensee actions]

[Add the following paragraph, if appropriate]

Additionally, the staff has identified a potential adverse trend in the cross-cutting area of **[Problem Identification and Resolution, Human Performance, or Safety-Conscious Working Environment]** **[Provide a qualitative discussion of substantial cross-cutting issues including details on any NRC action to address these concerns within the baseline inspection program]**

[If appropriate, discuss the basis for conducting an extra PI&R inspection in accordance with section 06.06.i]

[Add the following paragraph, if appropriate]

In our Annual Assessment Letter dated **[insert date]**, we advised you of potential adverse trend in the cross-cutting area of **[Problem Identification and Resolution, Human Performance, or Safety-Conscious Working Environment]**. **[Provide a qualitative discussion of the licensee's progress in addressing these concerns].**

[Add the following paragraph for any non-SDP enforcement action of severity level III or greater, if appropriate]

Additionally, on **(month/day/year)** the staff issued a severity level **(I,II,or III)** Notice of Violation in accordance with the enforcement policy. **[Provide additional details including follow-up actions as necessary]**

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through September 30, 200X. 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 last six months of the inspection plan is tentative and may be revised at the End-of-Cycle Review meeting.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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 **(DRP Branch Chief/me)** at **(telephone number)** with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

(Signed by), Chief ¹

Reactor Projects Branch _____

Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-ABC, 50-XYZ

Licensee Nos. NPF-0, NPF-0

Enclosure: **(Plant name)** Inspection/ Activity Plan

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Note 1: Refer to Action Matrix for proper signature authority.