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SUBJECT: REVISION TO THE INSPECTION PLAN

Dear Mr. Powers:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of changes to our planned inspections at D.C. Cook. This letter updates the schedule of inspections described previously in our letter to you dated August 15, 2000.

During the September 27, 2000, public restart status meeting, you indicated to us that the restart of Unit 1 may occur in December 2000. To ensure that NRC inspections are conducted in a timely manner to validate the restart readiness of Unit 1, the NRC inspection schedule has been modified. The major changes to the schedule include revised start dates for several inspections. The biennial Permanent Modifications and Annual 10 CFR 50.59 Team Inspection has been rescheduled from January 2001 to November 2000. The Unit 1 Restart Readiness Assessment Team Inspection has been rescheduled from January 2001 to late November 2000. The Problem Identification and Resolution team inspection has been rescheduled from November 2000 to January 2001.

The baseline inspection program will continue to be augmented due to the lack of performance indicator data providing insight into Unit 2 operations, and to provide necessary assessment of Unit 1 readiness for restart and the adequacy of long term corrective actions.

Enclosure 1 lists our planned inspections for the period October 2000 through March 2001 at D.C. Cook to allow you to resolve scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues in advance of our inspectors' arrival onsite. The inspections scheduled for later in the period are more tentative and may be adjusted in the future due to emergent issues at D.C. Cook or other Region III facilities. The NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0350 Panel will continue to assess plant performance and operating experience, evaluate the need for augmented inspection, and recommend when NRC oversight can return to the routine inspection program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response if you choose to respond, will be placed in the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link at the NRC homepage, namely <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>.

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We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at 630-829-9600.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosure: D.C. Cook Inspection/Activity Plan

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