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FROM: Samuel J. Collins, Director */by Jon Johnson Acting For/*
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Attachment 1

CONTRACTOR SCHEDULE FOR FY 2001 FUNDS

<u>SITE</u>	<u>INSPECTION TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS</u>	<u>AREAS OF EXPERTISE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE</u>
Prairie Island	SSDPC	One	Mechanical	10/09 - 11/16/00
Comanche Peak	SSDPC	One	Electrical/I&C	10/23 - 11/24/00
Palo Verde	SSDPC	One	Mechanical	10/30 - 12/15/00
Watts Bar	Fire Protection	One	Electrical	11/13 - 12/15/00
Byron	SSDPC	One	Electrical/I&C	1/15 - 2/16/01
Braidwood	SSDPC	One	I&C	1/15 - 2/16/01
Indian Point 2	IP 95003 Supplemental	Two	Mechanical Electrical	1/02 - 2/16/01
Turkey Point	Fire Protection	One	Mechanical	1/08 - 2/16/01
Susquehanna	SSDPC	One	Electrical	2/05 - 3/09/01
Fermi	SSDPC	TBD	TBD	4/09 - 5/11/01
Dresden	SSDPC	TBD	TBD	5/14 - 6/15/01

Inspection Types:

IP 71111.21, "Safety System Design and Performance Capability" (SSDPC)

IP 71111.05, "Fire Protection"

IP 95003, "Supplemental Inspection for Repetitive Degraded Cornerstones, Multiple Degraded Cornerstones, Multiple Yellow Inputs, or One Red Input"