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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT - GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION
(REPORT 50-416/02-01)**

Dear Mr. Eaton:

On February 13, 2002, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. The end-of-cycle review for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period from April 1 through December 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. This will provide you an opportunity to prepare for these inspections and to inform us of any planned inspections which may conflict with your plant activities.

As discussed in our previous annual assessment letter, dated May 29, 2001, this inspection and assessment cycle consisted of three quarters (i.e., the second, third, and fourth quarters of Calendar Year 2001) instead of the usual four quarters. This change was implemented in order to align the inspection and assessment cycle with the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2002.

Overall, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety, and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Plant performance for the most recent quarter, as well as the first two quarters of the assessment cycle, was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix. This is 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 December 28, 2002.

Immediately following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the NRC issued safeguards advisories recommending that nuclear power plant licensees go to the highest level of security, and all promptly did so. With continued uncertainty about the possibility of additional terrorist activities, the Nation's nuclear power plants, including Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, remain at a high level of security. On February 25, 2002, the NRC issued an Order to all nuclear power plant licensees, requiring them to take certain additional interim compensatory measures to address the generalized high-level threat environment. These

additional compensatory requirements will provide the NRC with reasonable assurance that public health and safety and the common defense and security continue to be adequately protected in the current generalized high-level threat environment. These requirements will remain in effect pending notification from the Commission that a significant change in the threat environment occurs or until the Commission determines that other changes are needed following a more comprehensive re-evaluation of current safeguards and security programs. To date we have monitored Entergy Operations, Inc.'s actions in response to the terrorist attacks through a series of audits. With the issuance of the Order, we will evaluate Entergy Operations, Inc.'s compliance with these interim requirements.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through March 31, 2003. 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 6 months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the Midcycle Review meeting.

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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 (817) 860-8148 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Grand Gulf
Inspection / Activity Plan
03/01/2002 - 03/30/2003

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	PSB-EP-1	- BIENNIAL EXERCISE INSPECTION	3			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		03/04/2002	03/08/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		03/04/2002	03/08/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		03/04/2002	03/08/2002	Baseline Inspections
	EMB	- SSD&PC INSPECTION	5			
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		03/18/2002	03/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		04/01/2002	04/05/2002	Baseline Inspections
	EMB	- 50.59 INSPECTION	1			
1	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		03/18/2002	03/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
	PSB-EP1	- EP PROGRAM BASELINE INSPECTION	1			
1	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		04/22/2002	04/26/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		04/22/2002	04/26/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		04/22/2002	04/26/2002	Baseline Inspections
	EMB	- TRIENNIAL FP	3			
1	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		07/22/2002	07/26/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		08/05/2002	08/09/2002	Baseline Inspections
	RP-3	- ALARA	1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		07/08/2002	07/12/2002	Baseline Inspections
	OB-IN	- INITIAL EXAM PREP WEEK	1			
1	X02231	GRAND GULF INITIAL EXAM (08/02)		08/12/2002	08/16/2002	Not Applicable
	OB-IN	- INITIAL EXAM	3			
1	X02231	GRAND GULF INITIAL EXAM (08/02)		08/26/2002	08/30/2002	Not Applicable
	EMB	- ISI	1			
1	IP 7111108	Inservice Inspection Activities		09/23/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
	RP-1	- ACRSA AND PIV	1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/30/2002	10/04/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		09/30/2002	10/04/2002	Baseline Inspections
	EMB	- HEAT SINKS	1			
1	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		02/10/2003	02/14/2003	Baseline Inspections
	EMB	- BIENNIAL MR INSPECTION	1			
1	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Rule Implementation		02/10/2003	02/14/2003	Baseline Inspections
	PSB-S1	- ACCESS AUTH/CONTROL, SEC PLANS, PIV	1			
1	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		03/03/2003	03/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizator		03/03/2003	03/07/2003	Baseline Inspections

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	PSB-S1 - ACCESS AUTH/CONTROL, SEC PLANS, PIV		1			
1	IP 7113004	Security Plan Changes		03/03/2003	03/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		03/03/2003	03/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
	OB-PIR - GG PIR INSPECTION		4			
1	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems		03/03/2003	03/21/2003	Baseline Inspections

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