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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN - SHEARON  
HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT DOCKET NO. 50-400**

Dear Mr. Scarola:

On August 6, 2002, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of Harris Nuclear Plant. In accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," the mid-cycle review involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating the performance of your Harris facility for the first half of the current assessment cycle, January 1 - December 31, 2002. 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.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2002) was within the Degraded Cornerstone Column of the NRC's Action Matrix. This was based on two inspection findings being classified as having low to moderate safety significance (White) in the Mitigating Systems Cornerstone. The first White finding involved a failure to maintain the fire area separation barrier between the B train switchgear room/auxiliary control panel room and the A train cable spreading room as a 3-hour fire barrier. The second White finding involved a failure of foreign material exclusion controls. Several pieces of foreign material were discovered in the containment sump suction piping to the A Residual Heat Removal (RHR) pump.

In July 2002, the NRC conducted a supplemental inspection of the aforementioned White findings using Inspection Procedure 95002, "Inspection For One Degraded Cornerstone Or Any Three White Inputs In A Strategic Performance Area" (reference Inspection Report No. 50-400/02-10). The inspection determined that the problem identification, root cause, and extent of condition evaluation for the two White findings was adequate. The White finding associated with the foreign material in the RHR system was closed. The White finding regarding a fire barrier will be dispositioned as part of a supplemental inspection using Inspection Procedure 95001, "Inspection For One or Two White Inputs In A Strategic Performance Area."

As you are aware, the following issues are still under review as part of the Significance Determination Process and supplemental inspections may also be warranted if these issues are determined to be of greater than very low safety significance (Green):

- Unresolved Item (URI) 50-400/99-13-03 (Adequacy of Hemyc/MT Cable Wrap Fire Barrier Qualification Tests and Evaluations to Scope Installed Configurations)

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections scheduled through September 30, 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 six months of the inspection plan is tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review.

In addition, the NRC is in the process of finalizing a Temporary Instruction that will be used to review implementation of the Interim Compensatory Measures required by the Agency's Security Order to all commercial nuclear power plants dated February 25, 2002. Schedules have not yet been finalized, but it is anticipated that these inspections will begin within the next calendar quarter. Once finalized, the details will be communicated by separate correspondence.

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/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If circumstances arise which cause us to change the inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact Mr. Brian Bonser at 404-562-4560 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Harris Inspection/Activity Plan

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