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SUBJECT: MIDCYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN –
COLUMBIA GENERATING PLANT

Dear Mr. Parrish:

On August 4, 2009, the NRC staff completed its performance review of the Columbia Generating Station for the first half of the calendar year 2009 assessment cycle. Our technical staff reviewed performance indicators for the most recent quarter and inspection results over the previous 12 months. 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 performance review and enclosed inspection plan do not include security information. A separate letter designated and marked as "Official Use Only – Security-Related Information," will include the security cornerstone review and resultant inspection plan.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter at Columbia Generating Station was within the Regulatory Response column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on a White performance indicator for unplanned scrams per 7000 critical hours. On the basis of the White performance indicator, in addition to completing reactor oversight process baseline inspections, we plan to conduct a supplemental inspection at Columbia Generating Station using inspection procedure 95001, "Supplemental Inspection for One or Two White Inputs in a Strategic Performance Area." We will coordinate the schedule for that inspection with your staff.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections, less those related to physical protection, scheduled through December 31, 2010. The inspection plan is provided to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues well in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The inspections in the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review. We are also evaluating potential changes to the inspection program in the radiation safety cornerstone. Consequently, some specific inspection procedures and the inspection schedule may be revised for 2010.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 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 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 Wayne Walker at 817-860-8148 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,



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Columbia Generating Plant Inspection/Activity Plan

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09/01/2009 - 12/31/2010**

Unit Number	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
2	08/31/2009	09/04/2009	PSB2-52B - BIENNIAL P&R INSPECTION	Identification and Resolution of Problems	5
2	09/14/2009	09/18/2009	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems	
2	08/10/2009	09/30/2009	CGS SI - SPECIAL INSPECTION FOR FIRE AND SCRAM	Special Inspection	2
2	09/21/2009	09/25/2009	EB2-05T - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION	Fire Protection [Triennial]	6
2	10/05/2009	10/09/2009	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
2	10/05/2009	10/09/2009	EXAM - INITIAL EXAM	INITIAL EXAM-CGS (10/2009)	3
2	12/07/2009	12/11/2009	RP-ORS5 - OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY - ALARA	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas	1
2	12/07/2009	12/11/2009	IP 7112101	ALARA Planning and Controls	
2	12/07/2009	12/11/2009	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
2	03/01/2010	03/05/2010	EB2-07T - TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK PERFORMANCE	Heat Sink Performance	1
2	05/17/2010	05/21/2010	EB1-21 - COMPONENT DESIGN BASIS INSPECTION	Component Design Bases Inspection	6
2	06/01/2010	06/11/2010	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
2	05/03/2010	05/07/2010	RP-ORS2 - OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas	1
2	05/03/2010	05/07/2010	IP 7112101	ALARA Planning and Controls	
2	05/03/2010	05/07/2010	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
2	05/03/2010	05/07/2010	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent	
2	08/30/2010	09/03/2010	EP-1 - BIENNIAL EP EXERCISE INSPECTION	Exercise Evaluation	3
2	08/30/2010	09/03/2010	IP 7111401	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
2	08/30/2010	09/03/2010	IP 71151-EP01	Drill/Exercise Performance	
2	08/30/2010	09/03/2010	IP 71151-EP02	ERO Drill Participation	
2	08/30/2010	09/03/2010	IP 71151-EP03	Alert & Notification System	
2	09/13/2010	09/17/2010	RP-ORS1 - OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas	1
2	09/13/2010	09/17/2010	IP 7112101	ALARA Planning and Controls	
2	09/13/2010	09/17/2010	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
2	09/13/2010	09/17/2010	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent	

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2	10/18/2010 10/22/2010	EB2-LRI - LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection	4
2	11/01/2010 11/05/2010	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection	
2	11/29/2010 12/03/2010	BRQ - OPERATOR REQUAL INSPECTION IP 711111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	3

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