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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN -
BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2**

Dear Mr. Waldrep:

On August 13, 2009, the NRC staff completed its performance review of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant. Our technical staff reviewed performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. 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 the 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 performance review and a resultant inspection plan.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter at Brunswick Units 1 and 2 was within the Licensee Response column of the NRC's Action Matrix, 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). Although plant performance was within Licensee Response Column, the significance of Apparent Violation 2009009-01: Inability to Operate the EDGs Locally as Required by the Safe Shutdown Analysis Report, is still under review as part of the Significance Determination Process which, when finalized, may change our assessment of your plant's safety performance. If our assessment changes based on the final significance of this finding, a new assessment letter will be issued. Therefore, we plan to conduct reactor oversight process (ROP) baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections, less those related to security, scheduled through December 31, 2010. In addition to ROP baseline inspection activities, we also plan on conducting several infrequently performed inspections, which include Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515/173, Review of the Implementation of the Industry Ground Water Protection Voluntary Initiative; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI); and initial operator licensing examinations. 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.

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As you may know, the NRC is currently evaluating the scope and frequency of all the baseline inspection procedures. If the results of the evaluation, or any other circumstances, cause us to change the inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at 404-562-4603 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Randall A. Musser, Chief
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Enclosure: Brunswick Inspection/Activity Plan

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