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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT INFORMATION REQUEST FOR AN NRC TRIENNIAL PERMANENT MODIFICATIONS AND 10 CFR 50.59 (MOD/50.59) BASELINE INSPECTION

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

On March 8, 2010, the NRC will begin a Modifications and 10 CFR 50.59 (MOD/50.59) baseline inspection at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. This inspection will be performed in accordance with the NRC baseline Inspection Procedure IP 71111.17. The on-site portion of the inspection will take place on March 8 – 12, 2010, and March 22 – 26, 2010.

Experience has shown that these baseline inspections are extremely resource intensive, both for the NRC inspectors and the licensee staff. In order to minimize the inspection impact on the site and to ensure a productive inspection for both parties, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for the inspection. These documents have been divided into three groups. The first group is necessary to ensure that the inspection team is adequately prepared for the inspection. This information should be made available via compact disc to the Regional Office no later than February 12, 2010. The inspection team will review this information and, by February 22, 2010, will request specific items that should be available for review by March 1, 2010. The second group of requested documents contains additional items that the team will review, or need access to, during the inspection. Certain documents in Group II (1) will be requested for review in the Regional Office prior to the inspection. The remaining documents should be available by the first day of the on-site inspection, March 8, 2010. The third group lists information necessary to aid the inspection team in tracking issues identified as a result of the inspection. It is requested that this information be provided to the lead inspector as the information is generated during the inspection. It is important that all of these documents are up to date and complete in order to minimize the number of additional documents requested during the preparation and/or the on-site portions of the inspection.

The lead inspector for this inspection is Mr. Ronald A. Langstaff. We understand that our regulatory contact for this inspection is Mr. Ron Baumer of your organization. If there are any questions about the inspection or the material requested, please contact the lead inspector at (630) 829-9747 or via e-mail at ronald.langstaff@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

/RA by R. A. Langstaff Acting For/

Robert C. Daley, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

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Enclosure: Modification and 50.59 Inspection Document Request w/Enclosure (Information for Preparation Week and Information Available On-site During Inspection)

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INITIAL DOCUMENT REQUEST
MODIFICATIONS AND 50.59 INSPECTION DOCUMENT REQUEST

Inspection Report: 05000263/2010006(DRS)

Inspection Dates: March 8–12, 2010 and March 22–26, 2010

Inspection Procedures: IP 71111- 17, "Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications"

Lead Inspector: Ronald A. Langstaff
(630) 829-9747

I. Information Requested for In-Office Preparation Week

The following information is requested by February 12, 2010, or sooner, to facilitate the selection of specific items that will be reviewed during the on-site inspection week. The team will select specific items from the information requested below and submit a list to your staff by February 22, 2010. We will request that certain items be made available to the regional office prior to the inspection by March 1, 2010. We request that the remaining items selected from the lists be available and ready for review on the first day of inspection. All requested information should cover the time frame from the receipt of information for the last Permanent Modification inspection on March 1, 2007, to the present. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the lead inspector as soon as possible.

(1) List of "permanent plant modifications" to systems, structures or components that are field work complete. (For the purpose of this inspection, permanent plant modifications include permanent: plant changes, design changes, set point changes, equivalency evaluations, suitability analyses, and commercial grade dedications.)

The list should contain the number of each document, the title, the revision (or date), and the affected system. In addition to the list, please provide a description of each modification and a list of associated calculations and affected procedures.

(2) List of all 10 CFR 50.59 completed evaluations involving: (a) calculations; (b) procedure revisions; (c) changes to the facility (modifications); (d) non-routine operating configurations; or (e) departures in methods of analyses. This list should include 50.59 evaluations for the following:

a. Changes that have been made under the previsions of 10 CFR 50.59 that have been updated in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) since March 1, 2007;

b. Modifications that are field work complete; and

c. Changes to calculations (or initiation of new calculations) that have been issued.

The list should contain the number and title of each document, a brief description of the change, and the corresponding number and type of the affected document (i.e., the modification or procedure to which the evaluation applies). The list should NOT include any evaluations in which prior NRC approval was sought and obtained.

(3) List of all 10 CFR 50.59 changes that have been screened out as not requiring a full evaluation involving: (a) calculations; (b) procedure revisions; (c) changes to the facility (modifications); (d) non-routine operating configurations; or (e) departures in methods of analyses.

The list should contain the number and title of each document, a brief description of the change, and the corresponding number and type of the affected document (i.e., the modification or procedure to which the evaluation applies).

(4) List of any modifications, procedure revisions, or UFSAR changes where it was determined that 10 CFR 50.59 did not apply.

(5) List of calculation changes that have been issued for use.

(6) List of corrective action documents (open and closed) that address plant permanent modification or 10 CFR 50.59 issues, concerns, or processes. These documents should also include corrective action documents associated with modification and MOD 50.59 change implementation.

The list should contain the number, title and revision (or date) of each document, the affected system and corresponding documentation (if applicable), and should be sorted in order of significance,

(7) Copies of procedures addressing the following: modifications, design changes, set point changes, equivalency evaluations or suitability analyses, commercial grade dedications, post-modification testing, 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation and screenings, and UFSAR updates.

(8) UFSAR updates submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4). Provide copies of the complete submittal.

(9) Copy of the UFSAR change log (or a synopsis of changes). This should include all of the changes made to the UFSAR that were incorporated in the last 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) submittal.

(10) Name(s) and phone numbers for the regulatory and technical contacts.

(11) Current management and engineering organizational chart.

II. Information Requested to be Available Prior to Inspection (Request will be made by February 22, 2010 for availability of documents by March 1, 2010 or on First Day of Inspection, March 8, 2010)

(1) Copies of all selected items from Section I. This includes copies of associated documents such as calculations, post-modification test packages, 10 CFR 50.59 evaluations, or screenings, and any corrective action documents.

(2) Copies of these documents do not need to be solely available to the team as long as the inspectors have easy and unrestrained access to them.

a. Updated Final Safety Analysis Report;

b. Original FSAR Volumes;

c. Original SER and Supplements;

d. FSAR Question and Answers;

e. Quality Assurance Plan;

f. Technical Specifications;

g. Latest IPE/PRA Report;

h. Vendor Manuals; and

i. The Latest 10 CFR 50.59 FSAR Update Submittal.

(3) Please ensure that other supporting documents for the selected items have been located and are readily retrievable as the team will likely be requesting these documents during the inspections. Examples of supporting documents are:

a. Drawings supporting the modifications;

b. Procedures affected by the modifications; and

c. UFSAR change papers generated due to a 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation.

(4) Assessment and Corrective Actions:

a. The most recent modification (MOD)/50.59 Quality Assurance (QA) audit and/or self-assessment; and

b. Corrective action documents (e.g., condition reports, including status of corrective actions) generate as a result of the most recent MOD/50.59 Quality Assurance (QA) audit and/or self-assessment.

III. Information Requested to be provided throughout the inspection

(1) Copies of any corrective action documents generated as a result of the team's questions or queries during this inspection.

(2) Copies of the list of questions submitted by the team members and the status/resolution of the information requested (provide daily during the inspection to each team member).

If you have questions regarding the information requested, please contact the lead inspector.

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