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

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

On August 10, 2010, the NRC staff completed its performance review of the Columbia Generating Station for the first half of the calendar year 2010 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 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 performance indicators indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, we plan to conduct reactor oversight process baseline inspections at your facility.

While plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response column of the Action Matrix, there was a safety significant performance indicator affecting the first three quarters of the assessment cycle as a result of a White performance indicator for unplanned scrams per 7000 critical hours. A supplemental inspection was conducted in March of 2010 that concluded the root causes of the unplanned reactor scrams were adequately defined, understood, and the corrective actions appropriately addressed the identified causes. NRC staff understands Energy Northwest has undertaken new initiatives and corrective actions to address station performance for which effectiveness can only be completely evaluated when the initiatives and actions have been fully implemented. The NRC will continue to monitor your progress through focused baseline inspections and review of completed corrective actions implemented in accordance with your improvement plan.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections, less those related to physical protection, scheduled through December 31, 2011. 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 9 months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review.

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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Enclosure: Columbia Generating Station Inspection/Activity Plan

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Unit Number	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
			RS45	**- RADIATION SAFETY**	2
2	06/28/2010	07/02/2010	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
2	06/28/2010	07/02/2010	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
			EP-1	**- BIENNIAL EP EXERCISE INSPECTION**	4
2	08/30/2010	09/03/2010	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation	
2	08/30/2010	09/03/2010	IP 7111404	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	
			RS12	**- OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY**	2
2	09/13/2010	09/17/2010	IP 2515/179	Verification of Licensee Responses to NRC Requirement for Inventories of Materials Tracked in NSTS	
2	09/13/2010	09/17/2010	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
2	09/13/2010	09/17/2010	IP 71124.02	Occupational 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	
			EB2-LRI	**- LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION**	6
2	10/18/2010	10/22/2010	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection	
2	11/01/2010	11/05/2010	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection	
			BRQ	**- OPERATOR REQUAL INSPECTION**	3
2	11/29/2010	12/03/2010	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
			EXAM	**- INITIAL OPERATOR EXAM**	5
2	03/21/2011	03/25/2011	X02467	INITIAL EXAM - COLUMBIA (04/2011)	
2	04/25/2011	05/06/2011	X02467	INITIAL EXAM - COLUMBIA (04/2011)	
			RP123	**- RADIATION SAFETY**	2
2	04/11/2011	04/15/2011	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
2	04/11/2011	04/15/2011	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
2	04/11/2011	04/15/2011	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
2	04/11/2011	04/15/2011	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
2	04/11/2011	04/15/2011	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent	
			PSB2-08G	**- INSERVICE INSPECTION**	3
2	04/06/2011	04/29/2011	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR	
			RP678	**- RADIATION SAFETY TEAM**	3
2	07/11/2011	07/15/2011	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
2	07/11/2011	07/15/2011	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
2	07/11/2011	07/15/2011	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	

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			EB1-17	**- PERM MODS & 50.59**	1
2	07/18/2011	07/29/2011	IP 7111117	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
			EP1	**- BIENNIAL EP PROGRAM INSPECTION**	1
2	08/22/2011	08/26/2011	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
2	08/22/2011	08/26/2011	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
2	08/22/2011	08/26/2011	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
2	08/22/2011	08/26/2011	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
2	08/22/2011	08/26/2011	IP 71151-EP01	Drill/Exercise Performance	
2	08/22/2011	08/26/2011	IP 71151-EP02	ERO Drill Participation	
2	08/22/2011	08/26/2011	IP 71151-EP03	Alert & Notification System	
			TSB-52B	**- BIENNIAL PI&R**	1
2	08/29/2011	09/16/2011	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems	

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