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Fax: 440-280-8029September 30, 2011
L-11-304ATTN: Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001**SUBJECT:**Perry Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-440, License No. NPF-58
Readiness for NRC Human Performance Corrective Action Inspection

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) staff's readiness for the NRC inspection of the effectiveness of corrective actions taken to address the long-standing human performance substantive cross-cutting issue at PNPP.

In the Annual Assessment Letter for PNPP Unit 1, dated March 4, 2011, the NRC stated that, prior to the 2011 mid-cycle assessment, the NRC will conduct an inspection of the long-standing, human performance substantive cross-cutting issue, beyond the baseline inspection program. The PNPP staff requested in letter L-11-196, dated June 7, 2011, that the inspection be rescheduled for November or December 2011 to allow for additional assessment and corrective action activities. The request was acknowledged in NRC letter dated June 30, 2011, from Steven West to Mark Bezilla and in the Mid-Cycle Letter for PNPP dated September 1, 2011.

A common cause analysis was completed during June and July of this year for events that occurred during the most recent refueling outage at PNPP. The identified causes addressed a number of management and organizational issues. A corrective action plan was developed and is in progress to create organizational alignment, improve employee ownership and accountability, and improve management interactions with employees. A Human Performance Action Plan is implementing short-term and long-term actions to sustain human performance improvement. In addition, a number of root cause evaluations are being conducted in response to the performance issues addressed in the NRC's Mid-Cycle Letter for PNPP. These evaluations, which are expected to be completed near the time the inspection is scheduled to occur, may provide additional insights for your review. The PNPP staff has been in contact with NRC Region III staff regarding the scheduling of these evaluations and their potential value to the inspection.

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There are no regulatory commitments contained in this letter. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Robert Coad, Manager - Regulatory Compliance, at (440) 280-5328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Coad". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Coad" clearly distinguishable.

cc: Regional Administrator, NRC Region III
Mr. Steven West, Director, Division of Reactor Projects, NRC Region III
NRR Project Manager
NRC Resident Inspector