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March 4, 2013

Mr. Kevin Mulligan
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P.O. Box 756
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION
(REPORT 05000416/2012801)

Dear Mr. Mulligan:

On February 13, 2013, the NRC completed its end-of-cycle performance review of Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility.

The NRC determined that, overall, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., green) safety significance, and all PIs indicated that your performance was within the nominal, expected range (i.e., green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

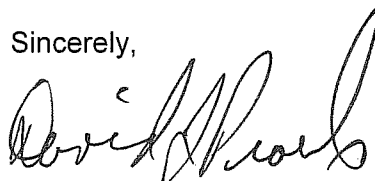
The NRC identified a cross-cutting theme in the work practices component of the human performance area. Specifically, the NRC identified four findings associated with procedural compliance involving a failure to define and effectively communicate expectations regarding procedural compliance, or personnel failing to follow procedures [H.4(b)]. The NRC determined that a substantive cross-cutting issue does not exist because the NRC does not have a concern with your staff's scope of effort and progress in addressing the cross-cutting theme. While there were more than three inspection findings with this theme, we understand this represents a recent performance trend. Once identified, you placed this issue into your corrective action program and are currently developing plans to address this issue. The NRC will continue to monitor your staff's efforts and progress in addressing the theme until the theme criteria are no longer met.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through June 30, 2014. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the mid-cycle performance review. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes. This inspection plan does not include security-related inspections, which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) 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).

Please contact me at 817-200-1144 with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Proulx". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "D".

David Proulx, Acting Chief
Project Branch C
Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosure:
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Inspection/Activity Plan

Grand Gulf

Inspection / Activity Plan

03/01/2013 - 06/30/2014

Unit Number	Planned Dates Start End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
1	03/01/2012 06/30/2013	2515/182 IP 2515/182	- DEGRADATION UNDERGROUND PIPING (PHASE 1) Review of the Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping	2
1	02/25/2013 03/01/2013	EB1-07T IP 7111107T	- TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK INSPECTION Heat Sink Performance	1
1	04/08/2013 04/19/2013	EB1-17T IP 7111117T	- TRIENNIAL PERM PLANT MODS & 50.59 Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	5
1	05/06/2013 05/10/2013	EXAM X02536	- INITIAL OPERATOR EXAM RETAKE RETAKE EXAM- GG (5/6/13)	2
1	10/07/2013 10/11/2013	EXAM X02517	- INITIAL LICENSED OPERATOR EXAM INITIAL EXAM-GG 9 (11/2013)	5
1	11/11/2013 11/21/2013	EXAM X02517	- INITIAL LICENSED OPERATOR EXAM INITIAL EXAM-GG 9 (11/2013)	5
1	06/17/2013 06/21/2013	PSB2-RP IP 71124.05	- RADIATION SAFETY Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	4
1	06/17/2013 06/21/2013	IP 71124.06	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	06/17/2013 06/21/2013	IP 71124.07	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1	06/17/2013 06/21/2013	IP 71124.08	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1	08/19/2013 08/23/2013	INSP IP 711111B	- LICENSED OPERATOR REQUAL INSP Licensed Operator Requalification Program	3
1	08/12/2013 08/30/2013	PI&R 52B IP 71152B	- BIENNIAL PI&R Problem Identification and Resolution	4
1	09/09/2013 09/13/2013	EP-3 IP 71151-EP01	- EP PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Drill/Exercise Performance	1
1	09/09/2013 09/13/2013	IP 71151-EP02	ERO Drill Participation	
1	09/09/2013 09/13/2013	IP 71151-EP03	Alert & Notification System	
1	09/09/2013 09/13/2013	EP1 IP 7111401	- BIENNIAL EXERCISE INSPECTION Exercise Evaluation	4
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	PSB2-RP IP 71124.01	- RADIATION SAFETY Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	2
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent	
1	02/24/2014 02/28/2014	RS13 IP 71124.01	- RADIATION SAFETY Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	2

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		RS13 - RADIATION SAFETY		2
1	02/24/2014 02/28/2014	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	02/24/2014 02/28/2014	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
1	02/24/2014 02/28/2014	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent	
		EB2-05T - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		4
1	04/14/2014 04/18/2014	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1	04/28/2014 05/02/2014	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	

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