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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE LETTER FOR VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNIT 1 -
NRC ASSESSMENT REPORT 05000395/2014006**

Dear Mr. Gatlin:

On August 12, 2014, the NRC completed its mid-cycle performance review of V.C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. 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, V.C. Summer, Unit 1, operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined that the performance at V.C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1, 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.

As a result of the Safety Culture Common Language Initiative, the terminology and coding of cross-cutting aspects were revised. All cross-cutting aspects identified during inspections conducted in calendar year 2014 reflect this revision to Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0310. Cross-cutting aspects identified in 2013 using the 2013 terminology were converted to the latest revision in accordance with the cross-reference in IMC 0310 during the mid-cycle assessment review and evaluated for cross-cutting themes and potential substantive cross-cutting issues in accordance with IMC 0305.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2015. 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 end-of-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 response to the accident at Fukushima, the Commission issued Order EA-12-049, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events," which requires licensees to develop, implement, and maintain guidance and strategies to maintain or restore core cooling, containment, and spent fuel pool cooling capabilities following a beyond-design-basis external event. Additionally, the Commission issued Order EA-12-051, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation," which requires licensees to have a reliable means of remotely monitoring wide-range Spent Fuel Pool levels to support effective prioritization of event mitigation and recovery actions in the event of a beyond-design-basis external event. The NRC is conducting audits of licensee efforts towards compliance with these Orders. This audit includes an onsite component in order for the NRC to evaluate licensee plans for complying with the Orders, as described in site-specific submittals, and to receive and review information relative to associated open items. This onsite activity will occur in the months prior to a declaration of compliance for the first unit at each site, and will aid staff in development of an ultimate Safety Evaluation for the site. The date for the onsite component at your site is being coordinated with your staff. A site-specific audit plan for the visit will be provided in advance to allow sufficient time for preparations.

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 Agencywide Document Access and Management 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 404-997-4511 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/Mark Franke RA for/

Michael F. King, Chief
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Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosure: V.C. Summer Inspection/Activity Plan
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Inspection / Activity Plan

09/01/2014 - 12/31/2015

Unit Number	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
			EP - EP PROGRAM INSPECTION		3
1	09/08/2014	09/12/2014	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	09/08/2014	09/12/2014	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	09/08/2014	09/12/2014	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	09/08/2014	09/12/2014	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1	09/08/2014	09/12/2014	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			CDBI - COMPONENT DESIGN BASES INSPECTION		7
1	09/08/2014	09/12/2014	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	10/06/2014	10/10/2014	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	10/20/2014	10/24/2014	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	11/03/2014	11/07/2014	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
			TFPI - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSP		4
1	04/20/2015	04/24/2015	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1	05/04/2015	05/08/2015	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
			RP - RP PUBLIC RAD SAFETY BASELINE		3
1	07/27/2015	07/31/2015	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1	07/27/2015	07/31/2015	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1	07/27/2015	07/31/2015	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
1	07/27/2015	07/31/2015	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			OL RQ - REQUAL INSP		2
1	08/10/2015	08/14/2015	IP 711111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
			RP - RP RAD HAZARDS ASSESSMENT		1
1	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
			EP - EP EXERCISE		5
1	10/12/2015	10/16/2015	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation	
1	10/12/2015	10/16/2015	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	10/12/2015	10/16/2015	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			ISI - UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	10/12/2015	10/16/2015	IP 711108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	

This report does not include INPO and OUTAGE activities.
This report shows only on-site and announced inspection procedures.