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**SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - NOTIFICATION OF NRC TRIENNIAL HEAT
SINK PERFORMANCE INSPECTION 05000298/2015001 AND REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION**

Dear Mr. Limpas:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will conduct a triennial heat sink performance inspection at your Cooper Nuclear Station from February 23-27, 2015. The inspection will consist of one reactor inspector from the NRC's Region IV office for one week. The inspection will be conducted in accordance with NRC Inspection Procedure 71111.07, "Heat Sink Performance."

Experience has shown that this inspection is resource intensive, both for the NRC inspectors and your staff. In order to minimize the impact to your on-site resources and to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for this inspection. Please note that the documents are requested to be provided by February 9, 2015. We request that during the on-site inspection week, you ensure that copies of analyses, evaluations, or documentation regarding the implementation and maintenance of your heat exchanger program are available. Of specific interest are those documents that establish your heat exchanger program satisfies NRC regulatory requirements and conforms to applicable NRC guidance. Also, appropriate personnel knowledgeable of safety-related heat exchangers should be available to support the inspector at the site during the inspection.

We have discussed the schedule for this inspection activity with your staff and understand that our regulatory contact for this inspection will be Brenda Kirkpatrick of your licensing organization. If there are any questions about this inspection or the material requested, please contact the inspector, Robert Latta, by telephone at 817-200-1532 or by e-mail at Robert.Latta@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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Thomas R. Farnholtz, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No.: 50-298
License No.: DPR-46

Enclosure:
Triennial Heat Sink Performance Inspection
Request for Information

cc: Electronic Distribution for the Cooper Nuclear Station

**Request for Information
Triennial Heat Sink Performance Inspection
Cooper Nuclear Station**

Inspection Report: 05000298/2015001
Inspection Dates: February 23-27, 2015
Inspection Procedure: IP 71111.07, Triennial "Heat Sink Performance"
Inspector: Robert Latta, Senior Reactor Inspector

Information Requested for the In-Office Preparation Week

The following information should be sent to the Region IV office in hard copy or electronic format (Certrec IMS preferred) to the attention of Robert Latta, by February 9, 2015. The inspector will select specific items from the information requested below and then request from your staff additional documents needed during the on-site inspection week. We also request that you categorize the documents in your response with the numbered list below. Please provide requested documentation electronically if possible. Additionally, for Adobe portable document files (.pdf) please make the text searchable. If requested documents are large and only hard copy formats are available, please inform the inspector and provide subject documentation during the first day of the on-site inspection. If you have any questions regarding this information request, please call the lead inspector as soon as possible.

The following heat exchangers/heat sinks have been selected for inspection:

- Division 1 Residual Heat Removal Heat Exchanger
- Division 1 and 2 Reactor Equipment Cooling Heat Exchangers
- Diesel Generator 1, Jacket Water and Lube Oil Heat Exchangers

For all Generic Letter 89-13 exchangers:

1. List of corrective action program documents (with a short description) associated with Generic Letter 89-13 heat exchangers, heat sinks, silting, corrosion, fouling, heat exchanger cavitation, or heat exchanger testing in the previous three years
2. System health report(s) and maintenance rule system notebooks for all the Generic Letter 89-13 heat exchangers
3. Copy of any self-assessments done on any Generic Letter 89-13 heat exchangers in the previous three years
4. Copies of any procedures developed to implement the recommendations of Generic Letter 89-13 (e.g., the Generic Letter 89-13 Heat Exchanger Program description)
5. Copies of any commitments to the Generic Letter 89-13 program

For the specific heat exchangers selected:

Testing Documents

6. Copies of the two most recently completed tests confirming thermal performance for those heat exchangers which are performance-tested
7. Instrument uncertainties of the instruments used during testing
8. Copy of any operability determinations or other documentation of degradation associated with the heat exchangers or the systems that support the operation for the selected heat exchangers
9. Documents that show the as-found results are recorded, evaluated, and appropriately dispositioned such that the as-left condition is acceptable

Cleaning Documents

10. The cleaning and inspection maintenance schedule for each heat exchanger for the next five years
11. Copy of the document describing the inspection results for the last two cleaning and inspection activities completed on each heat exchanger
12. Cleaning procedures with acceptance criteria for the selected heat exchangers
13. Copies of the documents that verify the structural integrity of the heat exchanger (e.g., eddy current summary sheets, ultrasonic testing results, and visual inspection results)
14. Copies of those documents that describe the methods taken to control water chemistry in the heat exchangers

Design Documents

15. Copies of the design basis documents and updated final safety analysis report pages for the selected heat exchangers
16. Copies of the system training manuals for the selected heat exchangers
17. Provide a list of calculations with a description which currently apply to each heat exchanger
18. Copies of vendor data sheets and design basis data for the selected heat exchangers

19. Copy of the calculation which establishes the limiting (maximum) design basis heat load which is required to be removed by each of these heat exchangers
20. Copy of the calculation which correlates surveillance testing results from these heat exchangers with design basis heat removal capability (e.g., basis for surveillance test acceptance criteria)
21. Copy of the calculations or documents which evaluate the potential for water hammer or excessive tube vibration in the heat exchanger or associated piping
22. Copy of the document which identifies the current number of tubes in service for each heat exchanger and the supporting calculation which establishes the maximum number of tubes which can be plugged in each heat exchanger
23. Copy of the document establishing the repair criteria (plugging limit) for degraded tubes which are identified in each heat exchanger

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