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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE LETTER FOR VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION UNIT 1 -
NRC ASSESSMENT REPORT 05000395/2015005**

Dear Mr. Gatlin:

On August 13, 2015, 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, 2014, through June 30, 2015. 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 Station, 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.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through June 30, 2017. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the second half of the inspection schedule 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 addition to the routine ROP baseline inspections at your facility, we also plan on conducting infrequently performed inspections which include an initial operator license examination.

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." This Order 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." This Order 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. The audit was completed for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1, and the information gathered will aid staff in development of the ultimate Safety Evaluation for the site. After the NRC staff receives the Final Compliance letter for the site, the Final Safety Evaluation will be issued. Then, the NRC staff will confirm through inspections the full implementation of the orders mentioned above performing TI 191: "Inspection of the Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation Orders and Emergency Preparedness Communication/Staffing/Multi-Unit Dose Assessment Plans."

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," 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 Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact me at (404) 997-4609 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Division of Reactor Projects

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Unit Number	Planned Dates		Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
	Start	End			
			EP - EP EXERCISE		7
1	09/21/2015	09/25/2015	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation	
1	09/21/2015	09/25/2015	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	09/21/2015	09/25/2015	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			RP - RP RAD HAZARDS ASSESSMENT		1
1	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
			ISI - UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	10/12/2015	10/16/2015	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			MODS - PLANT MODIFICATIONS INSPECTION		3
1	05/23/2016	05/27/2016	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
1	06/06/2016	06/10/2016	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
			OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM PREP		3
1	05/09/2016	05/13/2016	V23471	SUMMER U1/JUNE 2016 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
			OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM		3
1	06/06/2016	06/10/2016	V23471	SUMMER U1/JUNE 2016 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
			HS - TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK PERFORMANCE		1
1	06/20/2016	06/24/2016	IP 7111107T	Heat Sink Performance	
			RP - RP PUBLIC RAD SAFETY BASELINE		4
1	07/18/2016	07/22/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	07/18/2016	07/22/2016	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1	07/18/2016	07/22/2016	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1	07/18/2016	07/22/2016	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
1	07/18/2016	07/22/2016	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			PI&R - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION		4
1	08/29/2016	09/02/2016	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
			EP - EP PROGRAM INSPECTION		4
1	09/26/2016	09/30/2016	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	09/26/2016	09/30/2016	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	09/26/2016	09/30/2016	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	09/26/2016	09/30/2016	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1	09/26/2016	09/30/2016	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	

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			TFPI - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		4
1	10/03/2016	10/07/2016	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
			ISI - UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION & RVH EXAM		2
1	04/17/2017	04/21/2017	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL INSPECTION WEEK 1		2
1	04/24/2017	04/28/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	04/24/2017	04/28/2017	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	04/24/2017	04/28/2017	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	04/24/2017	04/28/2017	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	04/24/2017	04/28/2017	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	04/24/2017	04/28/2017	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			SGISI - UNIT 1 SG IN-SERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	04/24/2017	04/28/2017	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL INSPECTION WEEK 2		3
1	05/08/2017	05/12/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	05/08/2017	05/12/2017	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	05/08/2017	05/12/2017	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	05/08/2017	05/12/2017	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
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