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March 2, 2016

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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT,
UNITS 1 AND 2 (REPORT 05000266/2015006 AND 05000301/2015006)**

Dear Mr. McCartney:

On February 10, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed its end-of-cycle performance review of Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 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, Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, 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 December 31, 2017. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last 9 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.

The enclosed inspection plan includes a triennial inspection conducted in accordance with Inspection Procedure 71111.07, "Heat Sink Inspection"; a biennial inspection conducted in accordance with Inspection Procedure 71152, "Problem Identification and Resolution"; and a triennial inspection conducted in accordance with Inspection Procedure 71111.05T, "Fire Protection (Triennial)."

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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 Jamnes Cameron at 630-829-9833 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA Darrell Roberts Acting for/

Cynthia D. Pederson
Regional Administrator

Docket Nos: 50-266; 50-301
License Nos: DPR-24; DPR-27

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Inspection Plan

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Point Beach
Inspection / Activity Plan
03/01/2016 - 12/31/2017

Unit Number	Planned Dates		Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
	Start	End			
			ISI - INSERVICE INSPECTION ON UNIT 1		1
1	03/14/2016	04/11/2016	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			BI RP - RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION		2
1	03/21/2016	03/25/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	03/21/2016	03/25/2016	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	03/21/2016	03/25/2016	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	03/21/2016	03/25/2016	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
			ENG BI - TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK INSPECTION		3
1, 2	06/06/2016	06/10/2016	IP 7111107T	Heat Sink Performance	
			ISFSI - ROUTINE LOADING		2
1, 2	07/01/2016	07/29/2016	IP 60855.1	Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants	
			BI RP - RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION		1
1	07/25/2016	07/29/2016	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
			PI&R B - BIENNIAL PROBLEM ID AND RESOLUTION		4
1, 2	10/31/2016	11/18/2016	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
			BI RP - RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION		1
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			ENG BI - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		5
1, 2	09/19/2016	10/21/2016	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
			BI EP - EP BASELINE INSPECTION / PI VERIFICATION		1
1, 2	10/24/2016	10/28/2016	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2	10/24/2016	10/28/2016	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1, 2	10/24/2016	10/28/2016	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1, 2	10/24/2016	10/28/2016	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			TI191 - FLEX/MITIGATING STRATEGIES/SPFI		4
1	03/06/2017	03/10/2017	IP 2515/191	Inspection of Licensee's Responses to Order EA-12-049, EA-12-051 & EP Info Request March 12, 2012	
			OL PREP - INIT EXAM/APRIL 2017		3
1	04/10/2017	04/14/2017	W90359	OL - INITIAL EXAM - 2017 APR-MAY - POINT BEACH	
			BI RP - RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION		1
1	04/17/2017	04/21/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	04/17/2017	04/21/2017	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	

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			BI RP - RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION		1
1	05/01/2017	05/05/2017	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
			OL EXAM - INIT EXAM/APRIL 2017		3
1	05/08/2017	05/19/2017	W90359	OL - INITIAL EXAM - 2017 APR-MAY - POINT BEACH	
			BI EP - EP EXERCISE INSPECTION / PI VERIFICATION		2
1, 2	09/18/2017	09/22/2017	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation	
1, 2	09/18/2017	09/22/2017	IP 7111406	Drill Evaluation	
1, 2	09/18/2017	09/22/2017	IP 7111408	Exercise Evaluation – Scenario Review	
1, 2	09/18/2017	09/22/2017	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			BI CDBI - COMPONENT DESIGN BASIS INSPECTION		6
1, 2	06/26/2017	07/28/2017	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
			BI RP - RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION		1
1	07/24/2017	07/28/2017	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
			OL-RQ - BIENNIAL REQUAL PROGRAM INSPECTION		2
1, 2	08/07/2017	08/11/2017	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
			ISI - INSERVICE INSPECTION UNIT 1		1
1	10/04/2017	10/29/2017	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			BI RP - RADIATION PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION		1
1	10/16/2017	10/20/2017	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	10/16/2017	10/20/2017	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	

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