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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING
PLANT UNITS 3 & 4 (NRC REPORT 05200025/2015006 AND
05200026/2015006)**

Dear Mr. Yox:

On February 8, 2016, the NRC completed its end-of-cycle performance review of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 & 4. The NRC reviewed 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 the NRC's plans for future inspections at your facility.

The NRC determined that overall, VEGP Units 3 & 4 were being constructed in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at VEGP Units 3 & 4 during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Construction Reactor Oversight Process (cROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., green) safety significance. Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct cROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through 2016. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed are tentative and may be revised based on construction activities at the site. 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.

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).

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Please contact me at (404) 997-4540 with any questions you have regarding this letter or inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Docket Nos.: 52-00025, 52-00026
License Nos.: NPF-91, NPF-92

Enclosure:
Vogle Units 3&4 Inspection Plan

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Vogle Units 3&4 Inspection Plan

Programmatic Inspections (IMC 2504)	
Construction	
Est. Date	Description
Week of July 18, 2016	Annual CAP Inspection, IP 35007 (Criterion 16); and ITAAC Management, IP40600
Week of Sep 19, 2016	Fitness For Duty Program for Construction, IP 81504. Note 1
Week of Nov 14, 2016	Annual QA Inspection, IP 35007
3 rd Quarter	Preoperational Testing portion of Initial Test Program (Admin Manual) IP 70367

Operational	
Est. Date	Description
July 2016	Preservice Inspection
Week of Sep 19, 2016	Protection of Safeguards Information, IP 71130.06; and Fitness For Duty Program, IP 71130.08. Note 1
	Note 1: same team inspection

ITAAC Inspections (IMC 2503)	
Est. Date	Description
1Q 2016 – 4Q 2016	<p>The majority of ITAAC related inspections, for the next year, are expected to be associated with the following construction and fabrication activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nuclear island construction (rebar/concrete in NI and inside containment) 2. Containment vessel (CV) fabrication 3. Structural and mechanical module fabrication 4. NSSS components receipt inspection 5. PMS, HFE and other ITAAC related work at vendors 6. Cable Manager and associated activities <p>Note 2</p>

Note 2: Inspection schedule is subject to change based on licensing and construction activities.