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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR RIVER BEND STATION
(REPORT 05000458/2016006)**

Dear Mr. Maguire:

On February 15, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed its end-of-cycle performance assessment of River Bend Station, reviewing performance indicators (PIs), inspection results, and enforcement actions from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. 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 concluded that overall performance at your facility preserved public health and safety.

The NRC determined the performance at River Bend Station during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column, the highest performance category of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix, because all inspection findings had very low safety significance (i.e., Green), and all PIs were within the 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, 2018. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the last twelve months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised. 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 the plan for security-related inspections, which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.

Additionally, as reflected in the enclosure, during this period the NRC staff will complete Temporary Instruction 2515/191, "Inspection of the Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation Orders and Emergency Preparedness Communication/ Staffing/Multi-Unit Dose Assessment Plans." This inspection will be conducted at River Bend Station to confirm the station's full implementation of Commission Orders EA-12-049 and EA-12-051.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (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 Greg Warnick at 817-200-1144 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Troy Pruett, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosure:
River Bend Station Inspection Plan

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR RIVER BEND STATION REPORT (05000458/2016006)
 - DATED MARCH 1, 2017

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 01/01/2017 - 12/31/2018

Unit Number	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
			71111.08 - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	02/06/2017	02/10/2017	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR	
			RS 12 PI - RADIATION SAFETY		2
1	02/06/2017	02/10/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	02/06/2017	02/10/2017	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	02/06/2017	02/10/2017	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
1	02/06/2017	02/10/2017	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent Occurrences	
			TSB 52B - BIENNIAL PI&R		8
1	04/10/2017	04/14/2017	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1	04/24/2017	04/28/2017	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
			TI-191 - MITIGATING STRATEGIES/SFP INST FOR BDBEE		4
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 2515/191	Inspection of Licensee's Responses to Order EA-12-049, EA-12-051 & EP Info Request March 12, 2012	
			EP-1 - BIENNIAL EP PROGRAM INSPECTION		1
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
			EP-2 - EP PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VERIFICATION		1
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 71151-EP01	Drill/Exercise Performance	
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 71151-EP02	ERO Readiness	
1	05/22/2017	05/26/2017	IP 71151-EP03	Alert & Notification System Reliability	
			EB1-21M - RBS COMPONENT DESIGN BASIS INSPECTION		4
1	06/12/2017	06/30/2017	IP 7111121M	Component Design Bases Inspection (Teams)	
			RS 5678 - RS TEAM		4
1	08/21/2017	08/25/2017	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	08/21/2017	08/25/2017	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1	08/21/2017	08/25/2017	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1	08/21/2017	08/25/2017	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
			EB1-07T - RBS HEAT SINK PERFORMANCE		2
1	09/18/2017	09/22/2017	IP 7111107T	Heat Sink Performance	
			EXAM - INITIAL EXAM		8
1	05/21/2018	05/25/2018	X02622	INITIAL EXAM RB(6/18)	
1	06/25/2018	07/03/2018	X02622	INITIAL EXAM RB(6/18)	

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RS 24 - RAD SAFETY				
1	01/22/2018 01/26/2018	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	2
1	01/22/2018 01/26/2018	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
EB2-02 - LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION				
1	03/26/2018 03/30/2018	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection	4
1	04/09/2018 04/13/2018	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection	
EP-1 - EP EXERCISE INSPECTION				
1	06/25/2018 06/29/2018	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation	4
1	06/25/2018 06/29/2018	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	06/25/2018 06/29/2018	IP 71151-EP01	Drill/Exercise Performance	
1	06/25/2018 06/29/2018	IP 71151-EP02	ERO Readiness	
1	06/25/2018 06/29/2018	IP 71151-EP03	Alert & Notification System Reliability	
BRQ - BRQ				
1	08/27/2018 08/31/2018	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	3
EB1-17T - RBS 50.59 CHANGES, TESTS, EXPERIMENTS				
1	09/10/2018 09/14/2018	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	3
RS 13PI - RAD SAFETY				
1	11/05/2018 11/09/2018	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	2
1	11/05/2018 11/09/2018	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	11/05/2018 11/09/2018	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
1	11/05/2018 11/09/2018	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent Occurrences	

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