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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING  
PLANT UNITS 3 & 4 (NRC REPORT 05200025/2016006 AND  
05200026/2016006)**

Dear Mr. Yox:

On February 9, 2017, 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, 2016, through December 31, 2016. 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 December 2017. 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) 997-4451 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Vogtle Units 3&4 Inspection Plan

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### Vogle Units 3 & 4 Inspection Plan

<b>Programmatic Inspections (IMC 2504)</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	
<b>Est. Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
CY17 – Q1	ITAAC Management Inspection, IP 40600
CY17 – Q3	Annual QA Inspection, IP 35007
CY17 – Q3	Annual CAP and, IP 35007

<b>Operational</b>	
<b>Est. Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ongoing	Preservice Inspection
CY17 – Q3	Preservice Testing
CY17 – Q2	Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance
CY17 – Q1	Radiation Protection (SNM)
CY17 – Q1	Security MC&A (SNM)
CY17 – Q3	Motor Operated Valves
CY17 – Q2	Maintenance Rule
CY17 – Q2	Environmental Qualification
CY17 – Q4	Emergency Preparedness
DRS Coordinating	Reactor Operator Training

<b>ITAAC Inspections (IMC 2503)</b>	
<b>Est. Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1Q 2017 – 4Q 2017	<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"> <li>1. Nuclear island construction (rebar/concrete in NI and inside containment)</li> <li>2. Containment vessel (CV) fabrication</li> <li>3. Piping fabrication and installation</li> <li>4. Structural and mechanical module fabrication and installation activities</li> <li>5. NSSS components receipt inspection and installation</li> <li>6. PMS and other ITAAC related work at vendors</li> </ol> <p>Note 1</p>

Note 1: Inspection schedule is subject to change based on licensing and construction activities.