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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Patricia A. Silva, Branch Chief  
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TO: Note to Docket Files

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTIONS POSTPONED FOR COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (PHE)

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, could be characterized as a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency due to the coronavirus outbreak. In response to the PHE, Region IV senior leadership determined that onsite routine material inspections could pose a health risk and that some licensees' prescribed inspection date should be postponed or delayed.

As described in Inspection Manual Chapter 2800 Section 06.04, "Other Changes in Inspection Interval", some routine inspections are being postponed to accommodate the PHE circumstances preventing timely inspections from being completed. The guidance provided by NMSS for inspection activities during the PHE specified that remote inspection activities are voluntary on the licensee's part.

The following inspections were postponed due to the PHE and the licensee's high workload combined with low staff availability that challenged the ability to support a remote inspection.

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Docket number</u>	<u>Licensee Name</u>	<u>Inspection Overdue Date</u>
49-27033-01	030-31731	Jorgensen Associates, P.C.	October 22, 2020
49-27627-01	030-35005	Rendezvous Engineering, PC	October 22, 2020

These delayed routine inspections will be performed onsite as soon as practical and after the PHE health risk has been reduced to acceptable levels.

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