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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION - INFORMATION REQUEST FOR THE  
CYBER-SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION, NOTIFICATION TO PERFORM  
INSPECTION 05000397/2022401

Dear Mr. Robert Schuetz,

On October 3, 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will begin a baseline inspection in accordance with Inspection Procedure (IP) 71130.10 "Cyber-Security," Revision 0 at your Columbia Generating Station. The inspection will be performed to evaluate and verify your ability to meet the requirements of the NRC's Cyber-Security Rule, Title 10, *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Part 73, Section 54, "Protection of Digital Computer and Communication Systems and Networks." The onsite portion of the inspection will take place during the week of October 3, 2022.

Experience has shown that baseline inspections are extremely resource intensive, both for the NRC inspectors and the licensee staff. To minimize the inspection impact on the site and to ensure a productive inspection for both parties, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for the inspection. These documents have been divided into four groups.

The first group specifies information necessary to assist the inspection team in choosing the focus areas (i.e., "sample set") to be inspected by the cyber-security inspection procedure. This information should be made available via electronic means (e.g., compact disc or other electronic means) and delivered to the regional office no later than July 11, 2022. The inspection team will review this information and, by August 8, 2022, will request the specific items that should be provided for review.

The second group of additional requested documents will assist the inspection team in the evaluation of the critical systems and critical digital assets (CSs/CDAs), defensive architecture, and the areas of your cyber security program selected for the cyber-security inspection. This information will be requested for review in the regional office prior to the inspection by September 5, 2022.

The third group of requested documents consists of those items that the inspection team will review, or need access to, during the inspection. Please have this information available by the first day of the onsite inspection, October 3, 2022.

The fourth group of information is necessary to aid the inspection team in tracking issues identified during the inspection. It is requested that this information be provided to the lead inspector as the information is generated during the inspection. It is important that these documents are up to date and complete to minimize the number of additional documents requested during the preparation and/or the onsite portions of the inspection.

The lead inspector for this inspection is Greg Pick. We understand that our regulatory contact for this inspection is Dan Cook of your organization. If there are any questions about the inspection or the material requested, please contact the lead inspector at 817-504-2105 or via e-mail at [greg.pick@nrc.gov](mailto:greg.pick@nrc.gov).

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding," of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,



Signed by Pick, Gregory  
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Enclosure:  
Columbia Generating Station  
Cyber-Security Inspection Document Request

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**Inspection Report:** 05000397/2022401

**Inspection Dates:** October 3 – 8, 2022

**Inspection Procedure:** IP 71130.10, "Cyber-Security," Revision 0

**Reference:** ML21330A088, "Guidance Document for Development of the Request for Information (RFI) and Notification Letter for Full-Implementation of the Cyber-Security Inspection," Revision 1

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***I. Information Requested for In-Office Preparation***

The initial request for information (Table RFI#1) provides the team with the general information necessary to select appropriate components and cyber security program elements to develop a site-specific inspection plan. The initial request for information is used to identify the list of critical systems and critical digital assets plus operational and management security control portions of the cyber security program to be chosen as the "sample set" to be inspected. Please provide the information listed in Table RFI#1 to the regional office by July 11, 2022, or sooner, to facilitate the selection of the specific items that will be reviewed.

The team will examine the returned documentation from the initial request for information and select specific critical systems and critical digital assets to provide for a more deliberate, focused second request for information. The team will submit the second request by August 8, 2022, which will identify the critical systems and critical digital assets that will be utilized to evaluate the defensive architecture and the areas of your cyber security program selected for the inspection. We request that the information for the second request be made available for review by September 5, 2022.

All requests for information shall follow the referenced guidance document ADAMS Accession No. ML21330A088. The preferred file format for all lists is a searchable Excel spreadsheet file. The information should be indexed and hyper-linked to facilitate ease of use. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the inspection team leader as soon as possible.

Enclosure

Table RFI#1	
Section 3, Paragraph Number/Title:	IP Ref
1 A list of all Identified Critical Systems and Critical Digital Assets,– highlight/note any . additions, deletions, reclassifications due to new guidance from white papers, changes to NEI 10-04, 13-10, etc. since the last cyber security inspection.	Overall
2 A list of EP and Security onsite and offsite digital communication systems	Overall
3 Network Topology Diagrams to include information and data flow for critical systems in levels 2, 3 and 4 (If available)	Overall
4 Ongoing Monitoring and Assessment program documentation	03.01(a)
5 The most recent effectiveness analysis of the Cyber Security Program	03.01(b)
6 Vulnerability screening/assessment and scan program documentation	03.01(c)
7 Cyber Security Incident response documentation, including incident detection, response, and recovery documentation as well as contingency plan development, implementation and including any program documentation that requires testing of security boundary device functionality	03.02(a) and 03.04(b)
8 Device Access and Key Control documentation	03.02(c)
9 Password/Authenticator documentation	03.02(c)
10 User Account/Credential documentation	03.02(d)
11 Portable Media and Mobile Device control documentation, including kiosk security control assessment/documentation	03.02(e)
12 Design change/ modification program documentation and a List of all design changes completed since the last cyber security inspection, including either a summary of the design change or the 50.59 documentation for the change.	03.03(a)
13 Supply Chain Management documentation including any security impact analysis for new acquisitions	03.03(a), (b) and (c)
14 Configuration Management documentation including any security impact analysis performed due to configuration changes since the last inspection	03.03(a) and (b)
15 Cyber Security Plan and any 50.54(p) analysis to support changes to the plan since the last inspection	03.04(a)

Table RFI#1	
Section 3, Paragraph Number/Title:	IP Ref
1 6 Cyber Security Metrics tracked (if applicable)	03.06 (b)
1 7 Provide documentation describing any cyber security changes to the access authorization program since the last cyber security inspection.	Overall
1 8 Provide a list of all procedures and policies provided to the NRC with their descriptive name and associated number (if available)	Overall
1 9 Performance testing report (if applicable)	03.06 (a)

In addition to the above information please provide the following:

- (1) Electronic copy of the UFSAR and technical specifications
- (2) Name(s) and phone numbers for the regulatory and technical contacts
- (3) Current management and engineering organizational charts

**II. Additional Information Requested to be Available Prior to Inspection**

As stated in *Section I* above, the team will examine the documentation requested from Table RFI#1 and submit the list of critical systems and critical digital assets to your staff by August 8, 2022 (i.e., RFI#2). The additional information requested for the specific systems and equipment is identified in Table RFI#2. Please provide the Table RFI#2 information to the lead inspector by September 5, 2022. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the inspection team leader as soon as possible.

Table RFI#2	
Section 3, Paragraph Number/Title:	Items
For the system(s) chosen for inspection provide:	
1 Ongoing Monitoring and Assessment activity performed on the system(s)	03.01(a)
2 All Security Control Assessments for the selected system(s)	03.01(a)
3 All vulnerability screenings/assessments associated with, or scans performed on the selected system(s) since the last cyber security inspection	03.01(c)
4 Documentation (including configuration files and rules sets) for Network-based Intrusion Detection/Protection Systems (NIDS/NIPS), Host-based Intrusion Detection Systems (HIDS), and Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) systems for system(s) chosen for inspection)	03.02(b)

Table RFI#2	
Section 3, Paragraph Number/Title:	Items
5 Documentation (including configuration files and rule sets) for intra-security level firewalls and boundary devices used to protect the selected system(s)	03.02(c)
6 Copies of all periodic reviews of the access authorization list for the selected systems since the last inspection	03.02(d)
7 Baseline configuration data sheets for the selected CDAs	03.03(a)
8 Documentation on any changes, including Security Impact Analyses, performed on the selected system(s) since the last inspection	03.03(b)
9 Copies of the purchase order documentation for any new equipment purchased for the selected systems since the last inspection	03.03(c)
1 Copies of any reports/assessment for cyber security drills performed since 0 the last inspection.	03.02(a) 03.04(b)
1 Copy of the individual recovery plan(s) for the selected system(s) including 1 documentation of the results the last time the backups were executed.	03.02(a) 03.04(b)
1 Corrective actions taken as a result of cyber security incidents/issues to 2 include previous NRC violations and Licensee Identified Violations since the last cyber security inspection	03.04(d)

**III. Information Requested to be Available on First Day of Inspection**

For the critical systems and critical digital assets identified in *Section II*, provide the following request for information (i.e., Table 1<sup>ST</sup> Week Onsite) to the team by October 3, 2022, the first day of the inspection.

Table 1 <sup>ST</sup> Week Onsite	
Section 3, Paragraph Number/Title:	Items
1 Any cyber security event reports submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 73.77 since the last cyber security inspection	03.04(a)
2 Updated Copies of corrective actions taken as a result of cyber security incidents/issues, to include previous NRC violations and Licensee Identified Violations since the last cyber security inspection, as well as vulnerability-related corrective actions	03.04(d)

In addition to the above information please provide the following:

- (1) Copies of the following documents do not need to be solely available to the inspection team as long as the inspectors have easy and unrestrained access to them.
  - a. Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (if not previously provided)
  - b. Original FSAR Volumes
  - c. Original SER and Supplements
  - d. FSAR Question and Answers
  - e. Quality Assurance Plan
  - f. Technical Specifications (if not previously provided)
  - g. Latest IPE/PRA Report
  
- (2) Vendor Manuals, Assessment and Corrective Actions:
  - a. The most recent Cyber-Security Quality Assurance (QA) audit and/or self-assessment
  - b. Corrective action documents (e.g., condition reports, including status of corrective actions) generate because of the most recent Cyber-Security Quality Assurance (QA) audit and/or self-assessment

***IV. Information Requested To Be Provided Throughout the Inspection***

- (1) Copies of any corrective action documents generated because of the inspection team's questions or queries during the inspection
- (2) Copies of the list of questions submitted by the inspection team members and the status/resolution of the information requested (provided daily during the inspection to each inspection team member)

If you have any questions regarding the information requested, please contact the inspection team leader.

R.Schuetz

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