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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR – INFORMATION REQUEST FOR THE CYBER-SECURITY
BASELINE SECURITY INSPECTION, NOTIFICATION TO PERFORM
INSPECTION 05000390/2023403; 05000391/2023403

Dear Mr. Barstow:

On March 6, 2023, 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 Watts Bar Plant. The inspection will be performed to evaluate and verify your ability to
provide assurance that your digital computer and communication systems and networks
associated with safety, security, or emergency preparedness (SSEP) functions are adequately
protected against cyber-attacks in accordance with the requirements of Title 10, *Code of
Federal Regulations* (CFR), Part 73, Section 54, and the NRC approved Cyber Security Plan
(CSP). The onsite portion of the inspection will take place during the week of March 6, 2023.

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 IP. This information should
be made available electronically no later than December 19, 2022. The inspection team will
review this information and, by January 16, 2023, 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 the licensee's CSP selected for the cyber-security inspection. This information
will be requested for review in the regional office prior to the inspection by February 13, 2023,
as identified above.

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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, March 6, 2023.

The fourth group of information is necessary to aid the inspection team in tracking issues identified as a result of 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 all of these documents are up to date and complete in order 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 Larry J. Jones Jr. We understand that our regulatory contact for this inspection is David Feitl of your organization. If there are any questions about the inspection or the material requested, please contact the lead inspector at 404-997-4837 or via e-mail at Larry.Jones@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 McCoy, Gerald
on 11/28/22

Gerald McCoy, Branch Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No.:   50-390, 50-391
License No.:   NPF-90 and NPF-96
Enclosure: Watts Bar Plant Cyber-Security Inspection Document Request

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WATTS BAR PLANT CYBER-SECURITY INSPECTION DOCUMENT REQUEST

Inspection Report: 05000390/2023403 and 05000391/2023403

Inspection Dates: March 6 – 10, 2023

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

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I.   *Information Requested for In-Office Preparation*

The initial request for information (i.e., first RFI) concentrates on providing the inspection team with the general information necessary to select appropriate components and CSP elements to develop a site-specific inspection plan. The first RFI is used to identify the list of critical systems and critical digital assets (CSs/CDAs) plus operational and management (O&M) security control portions of the CSP to be chosen as the "sample set" required to be inspected by the cyber-security IP. The first RFI's requested information is specified below in Table RFI #1. The Table RFI #1 information is requested to be provided to the regional office by December 19, 2022 or sooner, to facilitate the selection of the specific items that will be reviewed during the onsite inspection weeks.

The inspection team will examine the returned documentation from the first RFI and identify/select specific systems and equipment (e.g., CSs/CDAs) to provide a more focused follow-up request to develop the second RFI. The inspection team will submit the specific systems and equipment list to your staff by January 16, 2023, which will identify the specific systems and equipment that will be utilized to evaluate the CSs/CDAs, defensive architecture, and the areas of the licensee's CSP selected for the cyber-security inspection. We request that the additional information provided from the second RFI be made available to the regional office prior to the inspection by February 13, 2023.

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The required Table RFI #1 information shall be provided electronically to the lead inspector by December 19, 2022. The preferred file format for all lists is a searchable Excel spreadsheet file. These files 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.

Table RFI #1		
Request:		**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)

	Supply Chain Management documentation including any security impact analysis for new acquisitions	03.03(a), (b) and (c)
13	Configuration Management documentation including any security impact analysis performed due to configuration changes since the last inspection	03.03(a) and (b)
14	Cyber Security Plan and any 50.54(p) analysis to support changes to the plan since the last inspection	03.04(a)
15	Cyber Security Metrics tracked (if applicable)	03.06 (b)
16	Provide documentation describing any cyber security changes to the access authorization program since the last cyber security inspection.	Overall
17	Provide a list of all procedures and policies provided to the NRC with their descriptive name and associated number (if available)	Overall
18	Performance testing report (if applicable)	03.06 (a)
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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.

Based on this information, the inspection team will identify and select specific systems and equipment (e.g., CSs/CDAs) from the information requested by Table RFI #1 and submit a list of specific systems and equipment to your staff by January 16, 2023, for the second RFI (i.e., RFI #2).

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

As stated in *Section I* above, the inspection team will examine the returned documentation requested from Table RFI #1 and submit the list of specific systems and equipment to your staff by January 16, 2023, for the second RFI (i.e., RFI #2). The second RFI will request additional information required to evaluate the CSs/CDAs, defensive architecture, and the areas of the licensee's CSP selected for the cyber-security inspection. The additional information requested for the specific systems and equipment is identified in Table RFI #2. All requested information shall follow the guidance document referenced above

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The Table RFI 2 information shall be provided electronically to the lead inspector by February 13, 2023. The preferred file format for all lists is a searchable Excel spreadsheet file. These files 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. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the inspection team leader as soon as possible.

Table RFI #2		
Request		**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)
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)
10	Copies of any cyber security drills performed since the last inspection, along with any reports or assessments generated.	03.02(a) 03.04(b)

11	Copy of the individual recovery plan(s) for the selected system(s) including documentation of the results the last time the backups were executed.	03.02(a) 03.04(b)
12	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	03.05

III. _Information Requested to be Available on First Day of Inspection_

For the specific systems and equipment identified in *Section II* above, provide the following RFI (i.e., Table 1ST Week Onsite) electronically by March 6, 2023, the first day of the inspection.

Table 1ST Week Onsite	
Request:	**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	03.05

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; and

(2) Vendor Manuals, Assessment and Corrective Actions:

      a. The most recent Cyber-Security Quality Assurance (QA) audit and/or self-assessment; and

      b. Corrective action documents (e.g., condition reports, including status of corrective actions) generate as a result 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 as a result 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.

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