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March 4, 2015

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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT
UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2 (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000321/2014001 AND
05000366/2014001)**

Dear Mr. Vineyard:

On February 12, 2015, the NRC completed its end-of-cycle performance review of Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. 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 determined that overall, Hatch Units 1 and 2 operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at Hatch Unit 1 and Unit 2 during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column 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 indicated that your performance was within the nominal, 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 June 30, 2016. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. In addition to baseline inspections, the NRC will conduct reactor operator initial licensing examinations. The inspections listed during the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the mid-cycle performance review. 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. This inspection plan does not include security related inspections which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.

Additionally, an NRC audit of licensee efforts towards compliance with Order EA-12-049, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events," and Order EA-12-051, "Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation" is ongoing for various sites. The audit includes an onsite visit for the NRC staff to evaluate mitigating strategies as described in the licensee

submittals and to receive and review information relative to associated open items. This onsite audit will occur prior to the first unit at the site achieving compliance with the Orders and the audit will aid NRC staff in developing a final Safety Evaluation for the site. The audit at your site will occur in the Fall of 2015. A site-specific audit plan for the visit will be provided in advance to allow sufficient time for preparations.

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).

Please contact me at 404-997-4482 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Joseph Austin, Acting Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 2
Division of Reactor Projects

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Inspection / Activity Plan
03/01/2015 - 06/30/2016

Unit Number	Planned Dates		Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
	Start	End			
			ASM EP - 2015 EP ASM & RES BASELINE		3
1, 2	01/01/2015	12/31/2015	IP 7111406	Drill Evaluation	
			OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM		3
1	03/23/2015	04/03/2015	V23426	HATCH/MARCH 2015 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
			CDBI - COMPONENT DESIGN BASES INSPECTION		7
1, 2	08/31/2015	09/04/2015	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1, 2	09/21/2015	09/25/2015	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1, 2	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1, 2	10/19/2015	10/23/2015	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
			PI&R - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION		4
1, 2	11/16/2015	11/20/2015	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
			EP - EP EXERCISE		8
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation	
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2	12/07/2015	12/11/2015	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			ASM EP - 2016 EP ASM & RES BASELINE		3
1, 2	01/01/2016	12/31/2016	IP 7111406	Drill Evaluation	
			RP - RAD HAZARDS AND TRANSPORTATION		2
1, 2	02/08/2016	02/12/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	02/08/2016	02/12/2016	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
			ISI - UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	02/29/2016	03/04/2016	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR	
			TFPI - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		4
1, 2	04/04/2016	04/08/2016	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1, 2	04/18/2016	04/22/2016	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
			HS - TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK PERFORMANCE		1
1, 2	05/16/2016	05/20/2016	IP 7111107T	Heat Sink Performance	
			RP - RP PUBLIC RAD SAFETY BASELINE		2
1, 2	05/16/2016	05/20/2016	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1, 2	05/16/2016	05/20/2016	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1, 2	05/16/2016	05/20/2016	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	

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			OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM PREP		3
1	05/23/2016	05/27/2016	V23473	HATCH JUNE 2016 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
			MODS - PLANT MODIFICATIONS INSPECTION		3
1, 2	06/06/2016	06/10/2016	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
1, 2	06/20/2016	06/24/2016	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
			OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM		3
1	06/20/2016	07/01/2016	V23473	HATCH JUNE 2016 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	

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