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August 31, 2016

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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR HOPE CREEK GENERATING
STATION (REPORT 05000354/2016005)**

Dear Mr. Sena:

On August 9, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed its mid-cycle performance review of Hope Creek Generating Station (Hope Creek). The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. 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, Hope Creek operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at Hope Creek 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 (i.e., green) safety significance, 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, 2018. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. In addition to baseline inspections, the NRC will perform Inspection Procedure (IP) 60855.1, "Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants." The inspections listed during the last half of the inspection period in the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-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.

In response to the accident at Fukushima, the Commission issued 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." The NRC conducted audits of licensee efforts towards compliance with these Orders, and the information gathered will aid staff in development of the ultimate Final Safety Evaluation for the site. After the NRC staff receives the Final Compliance letter for the site, the Safety Evaluation will be issued. Then, the NRC

staff will confirm through inspections the full implementation of the orders mentioned above by performing Temporary Instruction 2515-191, "Inspection of the Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation Orders and Emergency Preparedness Communication/Staffing/Multi-Unit Dose Assessment Plans."

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In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (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 Agencywide Document 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).

Please contact me at (610) 337-5200 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Hope Creek
Inspection / Activity Plan
07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018

Unit Number	Planned Dates		Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
	Start	End			
			EXM8/15 - HOPE CREEK INITIAL EXAMINATION		5
1	07/18/2016	07/22/2016	U01925	FY16-HOPE CREEK INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
1	08/22/2016	09/02/2016	U01925	FY16-HOPE CREEK INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
			71124 - RADIATION PROTECTION		1
1	07/11/2016	07/15/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	07/11/2016	07/15/2016	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	07/11/2016	07/15/2016	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	07/11/2016	07/15/2016	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	07/11/2016	07/15/2016	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
			7111111B - HOPE CREEK REQUAL INSP W/ P/F RESULTS		2
1	09/26/2016	09/30/2016	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
			71124 - RADIATION PROTECTION		1
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	09/12/2016	09/16/2016	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
			7111108G - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR	
			71124 - RADIATION PROTECTION		1
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	10/17/2016	10/21/2016	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
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1	12/12/2016	12/16/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
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1	12/12/2016	12/16/2016	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	12/12/2016	12/16/2016	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	12/12/2016	12/16/2016	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
1	12/12/2016	12/16/2016	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent Occurrences	

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			71152B - PI&R BIENNIAL		1
1	01/30/2017	02/03/2017	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1	02/13/2017	02/17/2017	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
			MODS - PERMANENT PLANT MODIFICATIONS		3
1	03/13/2017	03/17/2017	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
1	03/27/2017	03/31/2017	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
			EP - EP PROGRAM INSPECTION		1
1	05/15/2017	05/19/2017	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	05/15/2017	05/19/2017	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	05/15/2017	05/19/2017	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1	05/15/2017	05/19/2017	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			7111107T - TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK		1
1	06/19/2017	06/23/2017	IP 7111107T	Heat Sink Performance	
			71124 - RADIATION PROTECTION - EFFLUENTS		1
1	07/10/2017	07/14/2017	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
			2/12EXAM - HOPE CREEK INITIAL EXAM		4
1	01/08/2018	01/12/2018	U01958	FY18 HOPE CREEK EXAM (FEBRUARY 2018)	
1	02/12/2018	02/23/2018	U01958	FY18 HOPE CREEK EXAM (FEBRUARY 2018)	
			71124 - RADIATION PROTECTION		1
1	07/24/2017	07/28/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	07/24/2017	07/28/2017	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	07/24/2017	07/28/2017	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	07/24/2017	07/28/2017	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	07/24/2017	07/28/2017	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
			ISFSI - ISFSI LOADING CAMPAIGN INSPECTION		1
1	08/07/2017	08/11/2017	IP 60855	Operation Of An ISFSI	
1	08/07/2017	08/11/2017	IP 60855.1	Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants	
			71124 - RADIATION PROTECTION		1
1	10/02/2017	10/06/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	10/02/2017	10/06/2017	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	10/02/2017	10/06/2017	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
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71124.08 - RADWASTE					
1	12/04/2017	12/08/2017	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	1
71124 - RADIATION PROTECTION					
1	12/04/2017	12/09/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	1
1	12/04/2017	12/09/2017	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	12/04/2017	12/09/2017	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	12/04/2017	12/09/2017	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	12/04/2017	12/09/2017	IP 71151-OR01	Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness	
1	12/04/2017	12/09/2017	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent Occurrences	
U1 ISI - UNIT 1 INSERVICE INSPECTION					
1	04/16/2018	04/20/2018	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR	2

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