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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR HOPE CREEK GENERATING
STATION UNIT 1 (REPORT 05000354/2019006)**

Dear Mr. Carr,

The NRC has completed its end-of-cycle performance assessment of Hope Creek Generating Station Unit 1 (Hope Creek), reviewing performance indicators (PIs), inspection results, and enforcement actions from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. 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 concluded that overall performance at your facility preserved public health and safety.

The NRC determined the performance at Hope Creek during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column (Column 1) of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix in Inspection Manual Chapter 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," because all inspection findings had very low safety significance (i.e., Green), and all PIs were within the expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at Hope Creek.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2021. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. You should be aware that the agency is pursuing potential changes to the ROP, including changes to engineering inspections (SECY-18-0113, "Recommendations for Modifying the Reactor Oversight Process Engineering Inspections") and other changes to the baseline inspection program described in SECY-19-0067, "Recommendations for Enhancing the Reactor Oversight Process." Should these changes to the ROP be implemented, the engineering and other region-based inspections are subject to change in scope, as well as schedule. Furthermore, all the inspections listed during the last twelve months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes.

Additionally, during this period the NRC will schedule an additional inspection per a revised version of Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515/194, "Inspection of the Licensee's Implementation of Industry Initiative Associated with the Open Phase Condition Design Vulnerability in Electrical Power Systems (NRC Bulletin 2012-01)" for any sites who elect to implement the guidance of the Industry Initiative on Open Phase Condition, Revision 3 (ML19163A176). Licensees will be individually notified when the NRC schedules these inspections.

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's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC's Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact me at 610-337-5312 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Signed by: NRC-PIV

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Docket No. 50-354
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Enclosure:
Hope Creek Inspection Plan

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IP 22 Inspection Activity Plan Report

Hope Creek

02/01/2020 - 12/31/2021

Unit	Start	End	Activity	CAC	Title	Staff Count
FORCE-ON-FORCE PLANNING AND EXERCISE WEEKS - HC						6
1	02/24/2020	02/28/2020	IP 71130.03	000735	Contingency Response - Force-On-Force Testing	
1	03/16/2020	03/20/2020	IP 71130.03	000735	Contingency Response - Force-On-Force Testing	
TI-194 Open Phase Condition Inspection - HC						2
1	03/02/2020	03/06/2020	TI 2515/194	000512	Inspection of the Licensee's Implementation of Industry Initiative Associated With the Open Phase Condition Design Vulnerabilities In Electric Power Systems (NRC Bulletin 2012-01)	
ANNUAL PIR Sample - T-quencher						1
1	03/29/2020	06/30/2020	IP 71152	000748	Problem Identification and Resolution	
EP EXERCISE INSPECTION - HOPE CREEK						5
1	05/18/2020	05/22/2020	IP 71114.01	000716	Exercise Evaluation	
1	05/18/2020	05/22/2020	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	05/18/2020	05/22/2020	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
HP Rad Hazards (.01)						1
1	06/01/2020	06/05/2020	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
Access Control, Equip Perf, Training-HC						3
1	07/06/2020	07/10/2020	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1	07/06/2020	07/10/2020	IP 71130.04	000736	Equipment Performance, Testing, and Maintenance	
1	07/06/2020	07/10/2020	IP 71130.07	000739	Security Training	
1	07/06/2020	07/10/2020	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
1	07/06/2020	07/10/2020	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
Hope Creek Requal Inspection with P/F Results						2
1	10/04/2020	10/10/2020	IP 71111.11A	000703	Licensed Operator Requalification Program and Licensed Operator Performance	
1	10/04/2020	10/10/2020	IP 71111.11B	000704	Licensed Operator Requalification Program and Licensed Operator Performance	
TRIENNIAL HEAT SINK						1
1	10/05/2020	10/09/2020	IP 71111.07T	000700	Heat Sink Performance	
HP Resp Prot (.03), Dosimetry (.04), and PIs						1
1	11/30/2020	12/04/2020	IP 71124.03	000727	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	

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HP Resp Prot (.03), Dosimetry (.04), and PIs						1
1	11/30/2020	12/04/2020	IP 71124.04	000728	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	11/30/2020	12/04/2020	IP 71151	000746	Performance Indicator Verification	
50.59 Inspection						3
1	12/13/2020	12/19/2020	IP 71111.17T	000709	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments	
HP ALARA (.02)						1
1	01/04/2021	01/08/2021	IP 71124.02	000726	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
FY21 HOPE CREEK Initial Exam						4
1	01/10/2021	01/16/2021	OV	000956	VALIDATION OF INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION (OV)	
1	02/07/2021	02/20/2021	EXAD	000500	LICENSE EXAM ADMINISTRATION (EXAD)	
Access Auth, Fitness for Duty, Access Control, SPR, PI						3
1	02/01/2021	02/05/2021	IP 71130.01	000733	Access Authorization	
1	02/01/2021	02/05/2021	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1	02/01/2021	02/05/2021	IP 71130.08	000740	Fitness For Duty Program	
1	02/01/2021	02/05/2021	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
1	02/01/2021	02/05/2021	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
EP Program Inspection - Salem/Hope Creek						1
1	02/22/2021	04/26/2021	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
1	03/22/2021	03/26/2021	IP 71114.02	000717	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	03/22/2021	03/26/2021	IP 71114.03	000718	Emergency Response Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	03/22/2021	03/26/2021	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	03/22/2021	03/26/2021	IP 71114.05	000720	Maintenance of Emergency Preparedness	
INSERVICE INSPECTION						1
1	04/18/2021	04/24/2021	IP 71111.08G	000701	Inservice Inspection Activities (BWR)	
HP - Rad Hazards (.01)						1
1	04/19/2021	04/23/2021	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
DESIGN BASIS ASSURANCE INSPECTION - TEAMS						6
1	08/01/2021	08/07/2021	IP 71111.21M	000713	Design Bases Assurance Inspection (Teams)	
1	08/15/2021	08/21/2021	IP 71111.21M	000713	Design Bases Assurance Inspection (Teams)	

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HP RETS (.06)						
1	08/09/2021	08/13/2021	IP 71124.06	000730	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	1
Radwaste (.08)						
1	09/27/2021	10/01/2021	IP 71124.08	000732	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	1
PI&R BIENNIAL - HC						
1	10/18/2021	10/22/2021	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	4
1	11/01/2021	11/05/2021	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	4
HP - Instrumentation (.05) and Pls						
1	11/15/2021	11/19/2021	IP 71124.05	000729	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	1
1	11/15/2021	11/19/2021	IP 71151	000746	Performance Indicator Verification	1