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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE LETTER FOR MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000369/2012006 AND 05000370/2012006)**

Dear Mr. Capps:

On August 14, 2012, the NRC completed its mid-cycle performance review of McGuire Nuclear Station Unit 1 and Unit 2. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility. This assessment reflects the integration of the Security Cornerstone into the IMC 0305, "Reactor Oversight Process." ROP performance assessment program governed by IMC 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program."

The NRC determined the performance at McGuire 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 (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 December 31, 2013. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. In addition to ROP baseline inspections, we will conduct initial reactor operator examinations and, consistent with the Agency's actions related to Fukushima, TI-187, Inspection of Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3 Flooding Walkdowns and TI-188, Inspection of Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3 Seismic Walkdowns. The inspections listed during the last nine months of 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.

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Please contact me at 404-997-4607 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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License Nos.: NPF-9, NPF-17

Enclosure: Catawba Inspection/Activity Plan (09/01/2012 – 12/31/2013)

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Unit Number	Planned Dates Start End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
1, 2	09/17/2012 09/21/2012	PSB1-RP - OCCUPATIONAL RP BASELINE WK1		3
		IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	09/17/2012 09/21/2012	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1, 2	09/17/2012 09/21/2012	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2	09/17/2012 09/21/2012	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2	09/17/2012 09/21/2012	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2	09/17/2012 09/21/2012	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
		EB3 ISI - UNIT 2 INSERVICE INSPECTION & RPVH EXAMS		2
2	09/24/2012 09/28/2012	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
		EB3SGISI - UNIT 2 SG INSERVICE INSPECTION		2
2	10/01/2012 10/05/2012	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
		PSB1-RP - OCCUPATIONAL RP BASELINE WK2		3
1, 2	10/01/2012 10/05/2012	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	10/01/2012 10/05/2012	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1, 2	10/01/2012 10/05/2012	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2	10/01/2012 10/05/2012	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2	10/01/2012 10/05/2012	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2	10/01/2012 10/05/2012	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
		TI-188 - TI-188 P2 - NTTF 2.3 - SEISMIC WALKDOWNS		1
1, 2	10/10/2012 10/10/2012	IP 2515/188	Inspection of Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3 Seismic Walkdowns	
		PSB1EP - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INSPECTION		2
1, 2	11/05/2012 11/09/2012	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2	11/05/2012 11/09/2012	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1, 2	11/05/2012 11/09/2012	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1, 2	11/05/2012 11/09/2012	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
		ISFSI - ISFSI MAGNASTOR INITIAL CAMPAIGN		2
1, 2	01/21/2013 01/25/2013	IP 60855.1	Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants	
		PSB1-RP - RAD HAZARDS ANALYSIS AND TRANSPORTATION		2
1, 2	03/18/2013 03/22/2013	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	03/18/2013 03/22/2013	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
1, 2	03/18/2013 03/22/2013	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
		ISI - UNIT 1 INSERVICE INSPECTION		2
1	03/25/2013 03/29/2013	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	

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1	04/01/2013 04/05/2013	SGISI IP 7111108P	- UNIT 1 SG INSERVICE INSPECTION Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	1
1,2	07/01/2013 07/03/2013	MCG TFPI IP 7111105T	- MCG - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSP Fire Protection [Triennial]	5
1,2	07/22/2013 07/26/2013	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1,2	08/05/2013 08/09/2013	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1,2	07/08/2013 07/12/2013	PSB1-RP IP 71124.06	- RP PUBLIC RAD SAFETY BASELINE Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	3
1,2	07/08/2013 07/12/2013	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1,2	07/08/2013 07/12/2013	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1,2	08/05/2013 08/09/2013	EP IP 7111401	- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE Exercise Evaluation	1
1,2	08/05/2013 08/09/2013	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1,2	10/14/2013 10/18/2013	MODS IP 7111117T	- PERM MODS 50.59 INSPECTION Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	3
1,2	10/28/2013 11/01/2013	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
1	11/04/2013 11/08/2013	OL EXAM V23402	- INITIAL EXAM PREP MCGUIRE/SEPTEMBER 2012 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	3
1	12/02/2013 12/06/2013	OL EXAM V23402	- INITIAL EXAM WEEK 1 MCGUIRE/SEPTEMBER 2012 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	3
1	12/09/2013 12/13/2013	OL EXAM V23402	- INITIAL EXAM WEEK 2 MCGUIRE/SEPTEMBER 2012 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	3

Comments:

This report does not include INPO and OUTAGE activities.
This report shows only on-site and announced inspection procedures.

Enclosure