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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN –
SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 1 AND 2**

Dear Mr. Swafford:

On August 12, 2009, the NRC staff completed its performance review of the Sequoyah Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2. Our technical staff reviewed performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period and our plans for future inspections at your facility.

This performance review and the enclosed inspection plan do not include security information. A separate letter designated and marked as "Official Use Only – Security Related Information" will include the Security cornerstone performance review and resultant inspection plan.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter, at Sequoyah Units 1 and 2, was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, we plan to conduct reactor oversight process (ROP) baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections, less those related to physical protection, scheduled through December 31, 2010. In addition to ROP baseline inspection activities, we also plan on conducting several infrequently performed inspections, which include Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515/172, Reactor Coolant System Dissimilar Metal Butt Welds; TI 2515/173, Review of the Implementation of the Industry Ground Water Protection Volunteer Initiative; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; and operator licensing examinations. The inspection plan is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues well in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The inspections in the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review meeting.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made 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).

As you may know, the NRC is currently evaluating the scope and frequency of all the baseline inspection procedures. If the results of the evaluation, or any other circumstances, cause us to change the inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at 404-562-4662 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Sequoyah Inspection/Activity Plan

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Sequoyah
Inspection / Activity Plan
09/01/2009 - 12/31/2010

Unit Number	Planned Dates Start End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
		PSB1EP - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INSPECTION		1
1, 2	10/19/2009 10/23/2009	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2	10/19/2009 10/23/2009	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing	
1, 2	10/19/2009 10/23/2009	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2	10/19/2009 10/23/2009	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1, 2	10/19/2009 10/23/2009	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
		EB3ISI - UNIT 2 INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
2	11/02/2009 11/06/2009	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
		EB3TI172 - TI-172 RCS DM BUTT WELDS		1
2	11/02/2009 11/06/2009	IP 2515/172	Reactor Coolant System Dissimilar Metal Butt Welds	
		EB3SGISI - UNIT 2 STEAM GENERATOR ISI		1
2	11/09/2009 11/13/2009	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
		PSB1-RP - RP GROUND WATER INITIATIVE		1
1, 2	12/07/2009 12/11/2009	IP 2515/173	Review of the Implementation of the Industry Ground Water Protection Voluntary Initiative	
		PI&R - PI&R		1
1, 2	01/01/2010 03/31/2010	IP 71152	Identification and Resolution of Problems	
		OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM PREP		3
1	01/11/2010 01/15/2010	V23287	SEQUOYAH/JANUARY 2010 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
		OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM - WEEK 1		3
1	02/15/2010 02/19/2010	V23287	SEQUOYAH/JANUARY 2010 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
		OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM - WEEK 2		3
1	02/22/2010 02/26/2010	V23287	SEQUOYAH/JANUARY 2010 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
		CDBI - COMPONENT DESIGN BASES INSPECTION		6
1, 2	03/01/2010 03/05/2010	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1, 2	03/15/2010 03/19/2010	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1, 2	03/29/2010 04/02/2010	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1, 2	04/12/2010 04/16/2010	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
		PSB1-RP - RP PUBLIC RADIATION PROTECTION		3
1, 2	07/12/2010 07/16/2010	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment	
1, 2	07/12/2010 07/16/2010	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems	
1, 2	07/12/2010 07/16/2010	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program (REMP) And Radioactive Material Control Program	
1, 2	07/12/2010 07/16/2010	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
		OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM PREP		4
1	08/02/2010 08/06/2010	V23308	SEQUOYAH/AUGUST 2010 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	

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			OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM WEEK 1		3
1	08/23/2010	08/27/2010	V23308	SEQUOYAH/AUGUST 2010 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
			OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM WEEK 2		3
1	08/30/2010	09/03/2010	V23308	SEQUOYAH/AUGUST 2010 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
			PSB1-RP - RP ACCESS CONTROLS		1
1, 2	09/27/2010	10/01/2010	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas	
			EB3ISI - UNIT 1 INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	10/04/2010	10/08/2010	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			EB3TI172 - EB3 RX COOLANT SYSTEM DM BUTT WELDS		1
1	10/04/2010	10/08/2010	IP 2515/172	Reactor Coolant System Dissimilar Metal Butt Welds	
			EB3SGISI - UNIT 1 SG INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	10/11/2010	10/15/2010	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			OL RQ - REQUAL INSPECTION		2
1, 2	11/15/2010	11/19/2010	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
			PSB1EP - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE		3
1, 2	11/15/2010	11/19/2010	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation	
1, 2	11/15/2010	11/19/2010	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2	11/15/2010	11/19/2010	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	

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