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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING
PLANT, UNITS 1 & 2 - REPORT 05000424/2019006 AND 05000425/2019006**

Dear Ms. Gayheart:

The NRC has completed its end-of-cycle performance assessment of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 & 2, 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 Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 & 2, during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column, the highest performance category 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 were within the expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

Although plant performance for Unit 1 and Unit 2 was within the Licensee Response Column, the NRC has not yet finalized the significance of Apparent Violation 05000424, 425/2019090, "Failure to Calibrate Containment High-range Area Radiation Monitors," (ML19361A059). The final safety significance determination may affect the NRC's assessment of plant performance and the enclosed inspection plan. Specifically, if the NRC determines that the significance of the finding is white, Unit 1 and Unit 2 will transition to the Regulatory Response Column and additional inspection will be planned.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2021. This updated inspection plan now includes planned security inspections which were formerly transmitted under separate correspondence. 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.

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.

During this period the NRC will schedule an additional inspection per a revised version 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), which included an option for relying on annunciation and operator manual actions instead of automatic protective features to isolate a power supply affected by an open phase condition. Licensees will be individually notified when the NRC schedules these inspections.

Additionally, the NRC plans to conduct Inspection Procedure 92702 "Followup on Traditional Enforcement Actions Including Violations, Deviations, Confirmatory Action Letters, Confirmatory Orders, And Alternative Dispute Resolution Confirmatory Order", to review an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Confirmatory Order (CO) EA-18-130 and EA-18-171 dated November 20, 2019 (ML19323E998). The CO was the result of an apparent willful violation of 10 CFR § 52.5, "Employee Protection," at Vogtle Units 3 & 4, which contained actions for Farley, Hatch, and Vogtle Units 1 & 2 nuclear plants.

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 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) 997-4415 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Docket Nos. 05000424 and 05000425

License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81

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IP 22 Inspection Activity Plan Report

Vogtle

03/01/2020 - 12/31/2021

Unit	Start	End	Activity	CAC	Title	Staff Count
UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION +SG						2
1	03/09/2020	03/13/2020	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
1	03/16/2020	03/20/2020	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
TARGET SET INSPECTION						2
1, 2	03/16/2020	03/20/2020	IP 71130.14	000743	Review of Power Reactor Target Sets	
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE						6
1, 2	03/29/2020	05/23/2020	IP 71114.08	000723	Exercise Evaluation □ Scenario Review	
1, 2	05/18/2020	05/22/2020	IP 71114.01	000716	Exercise Evaluation	
1, 2	05/18/2020	05/22/2020	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2	05/18/2020	05/22/2020	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						3
1, 2	04/20/2020	04/24/2020	IP 71130.04	000736	Equipment Performance, Testing, and Maintenance	
1, 2	04/20/2020	04/24/2020	IP 71130.07	000739	Security Training	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	07/13/2020	07/17/2020	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1, 2	07/13/2020	07/17/2020	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
1, 2	07/13/2020	07/17/2020	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
DESIGN BASIS ASSURANCE INSPECTION (PROGRAMS)						3
1, 2	07/27/2020	07/31/2020	IP 71111.21N	000714	Design Bases Assurance Inspection (Programs)	
1, 2	08/10/2020	08/14/2020	IP 71111.21N	000714	Design Bases Assurance Inspection (Programs)	
SNC CORP OFFICE AA/FFD INSPECTION						2
1, 2	08/31/2020	09/04/2020	IP 71130.01	000733	Access Authorization	
1, 2	08/31/2020	09/04/2020	IP 71130.08	000740	Fitness For Duty Program	
UNIT 2 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION +SG						2
2	09/21/2020	09/25/2020	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
RP OCCUPATIONAL RAD SAFETY BASELINE INSPECTION						3
1, 2	09/28/2020	10/02/2020	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	09/28/2020	10/02/2020	IP 71124.03	000727	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	

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

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RP OCCUPATIONAL RAD SAFETY BASELINE INSPECTION						3
1, 2	09/28/2020	10/02/2020	IP 71124.04	000728	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2	09/28/2020	10/02/2020	IP 71124.05	000729	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2	09/28/2020	10/02/2020	IP 71151	000746	Performance Indicator Verification	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	10/26/2020	10/30/2020	IP 71130.01	000733	Access Authorization	
1, 2	10/26/2020	10/30/2020	IP 71130.08	000740	Fitness For Duty Program	
TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION						4
1, 2	11/30/2020	12/04/2020	IP 71111.05T	000696	Fire Protection	
1, 2	12/14/2020	12/18/2020	IP 71111.05T	000696	Fire Protection	
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM INSPECTION						2
1, 2	04/18/2021	05/01/2021	IP 71114.02	000717	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2	04/18/2021	05/01/2021	IP 71114.03	000718	Emergency Response Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1, 2	04/18/2021	05/01/2021	IP 71114.04	000719	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1, 2	04/18/2021	05/01/2021	IP 71114.05	000720	Maintenance of Emergency Preparedness	
1, 2	04/18/2021	05/01/2021	IP 71151	001397	Performance Indicator Verification	
SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION						1
1, 2	06/07/2021	06/11/2021	IP 71130.02	000734	Access Control	
1, 2	06/07/2021	06/11/2021	IP 71130.09	001656	Security Plan Changes	
1, 2	06/07/2021	06/11/2021	IP 71151	001338	Performance Indicator Verification	
PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION & RESOLUTION						4
1, 2	06/07/2021	06/11/2021	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1, 2	06/21/2021	06/25/2021	IP 71152B	000747	Problem Identification and Resolution	
RP PUBLIC RAD SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION INSPECTION						3
1, 2	06/14/2021	06/18/2021	IP 71124.06	000730	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1, 2	06/14/2021	06/18/2021	IP 71124.07	000731	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1, 2	06/14/2021	06/18/2021	IP 71124.08	000732	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
1, 2	06/14/2021	06/18/2021	IP 71151	000746	Performance Indicator Verification	

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EVALUATIONS OF CHANGES, TESTS AND EXPERIMENTS						3
1, 2	08/16/2021	08/20/2021	IP 71111.17T	000709	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments	
VOGTLE REQUAL INSPECTION						2
1, 2	08/30/2021	09/03/2021	IP 71111.11B	000704	Licensed Operator Requalification Program and Licensed Operator Performance	
UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION +SG						2
1	09/13/2021	09/17/2021	IP 71111.08P	000702	Inservice Inspection Activities (PWR)	
RP OCCUPATIONAL RAD SAFETY BASELINE INSPECTION						2
1, 2	09/13/2021	09/17/2021	IP 71124.01	000725	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2	09/13/2021	09/17/2021	IP 71124.02	000726	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1, 2	09/13/2021	09/17/2021	IP 71151	000746	Performance Indicator Verification	
VOGTLE INITIAL LICENSE EXAM						3
1, 2	10/18/2021	10/22/2021	OV	000956	VALIDATION OF INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION (OV)	
1, 2	11/15/2021	11/26/2021	EXAD	000500	LICENSE EXAM ADMINISTRATION (EXAD)	