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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR THE WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT
UNIT 1, NRC INSPECTION REPORT 005000390/2015005**

Dear Mr. Shea:

On August 13, 2015, the NRC completed its mid-cycle performance review of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. 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, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1 operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1 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, 2017. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. The inspections listed during the second half 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.

In addition to the routine ROP baseline inspections at your facility, we also plan on conducting infrequently performed inspections which include: Inspection Procedure (IP) 43004, "Inspection of Commercial-Grade Dedication Programs," and an initial operator license examination.

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/

Alan Blamey, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 6
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos.: 50-390
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Watts Bar
Inspection / Activity Plan
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Unit Number	Planned Dates		Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
	Start	End			
			ISFSI - ISFSI PAD CONCRETE PLACEMENT		1
1	09/21/2015	09/25/2015	IP 60853	On-Site Fabrication Of Components And Construction On An ISFSI	
			RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL BASELINE WEEK 1		2
1	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	10/05/2015	10/09/2015	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			ISI - UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	10/12/2015	10/16/2015	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL BASELINE WEEK 2		3
1	10/19/2015	10/23/2015	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	10/19/2015	10/23/2015	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	10/19/2015	10/23/2015	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
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			EP - EP EXERCISE		8
1	11/16/2015	11/20/2015	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	11/16/2015	11/20/2015	IP 7111407	Exercise Evaluation - Hostile Action (HA) Event	
1	11/16/2015	11/20/2015	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			CDBI - COMPONENT DESIGN BASES INSPECTION		7
1	02/01/2016	02/05/2016	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	02/29/2016	03/04/2016	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	03/14/2016	03/18/2016	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	03/28/2016	04/01/2016	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
			OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM PREP		3
1	06/20/2016	06/24/2016	V23475	WATTS BAR JULY 2016 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
			OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM		3
1	07/18/2016	07/22/2016	V23475	WATTS BAR JULY 2016 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
			MODS - PLANT MODIFICATIONS INSPECTION		3
1	07/25/2016	07/29/2016	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	

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1	08/08/2016	08/12/2016	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, and Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
			RP - RP PUBLIC RAD SAFETY BASELINE		4
1	08/01/2016	08/05/2016	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	08/01/2016	08/05/2016	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1	08/01/2016	08/05/2016	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1	08/01/2016	08/05/2016	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
1	08/01/2016	08/05/2016	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			PI&R - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION		4
1	10/31/2016	11/04/2016	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1	11/14/2016	11/18/2016	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
			EP - EP PROGRAM INSPECTION		4
1	11/14/2016	11/18/2016	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	11/14/2016	11/18/2016	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	11/14/2016	11/18/2016	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	11/14/2016	11/18/2016	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1	11/14/2016	11/18/2016	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			ISI - UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION & RVH EXAM		2
1	03/27/2017	03/31/2017	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL INSPECTION WEEK 1		2
1	03/27/2017	03/31/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
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1	03/27/2017	03/31/2017	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
			SGISI - UNIT 1 SG IN-SERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	04/03/2017	04/07/2017	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
			RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL INSPECTION WEEK 2		3
1	04/10/2017	04/14/2017	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
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