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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR PLANT
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000302/2006001)

Dear Mr. Young:

On February 8, 2006, the NRC staff completed its performance review of Crystal River Nuclear Plant. Our technical staff reviewed performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2005. 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 enclosed inspection plan do not include physical protection information. A separate letter designated and marked as "Official Use Only - Security-Related Information," will include the physical protection review and resultant inspection plan.

Overall, Crystal River Unit 3 operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Plant performance for the most recent quarter, as well as for the first and second quarters of the assessment cycle, was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix. We base this conclusion on the fact that all inspection findings were classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicated performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). However, Crystal River 3 performance for the third quarter of the assessment cycle was within the Regulatory Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix based on a finding involving unprotected post-fire safe shutdown cables and related non-feasible local manual operator actions. A Supplemental Inspection using Inspection Procedure 95001, "Inspection for One or Two White Inputs In a Strategic Performance Area," was conducted in January 2006 and no findings of significance were identified. Therefore, we plan to conduct reactor oversight process (ROP) baseline inspections at your facility. We also plan to conduct a non-ROP inspection involving a pressurized water reactor (PWR) containment sump blockage temporary instruction (TI).

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections, less those related to physical protection scheduled through September 30, 2007. The inspection plan is provided 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 mid-cycle review. Although our intent is to maintain the enclosed inspection plan fixed for the first nine months, a need may arise to conduct one or more unanticipated inspections prior to issuing an updated inspection plan with the 2006 assessment cycle mid-cycle letter. If an inspection of this type becomes necessary, we will notify you of the planned inspection dates as soon as possible to resolve as much as we can, any scheduling and personnel availability conflicts you may have.

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).

If circumstances arise which cause us to change this inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact Joel Munday at 404-562-4560 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Crystal River Inspection/Activity Plan

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