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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION  
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000395/2006001)

Dear Mr. Archie:

On February 9, 2006, the NRC staff completed their performance review of the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station. 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, Virgil C. Nuclear Station 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 three 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). Therefore, we plan to conduct reactor oversight process (ROP) baseline inspections at your facility. We also plan on conducting non-ROP inspections which includes special inspections of the containment sumps and of the reactor pressure vessel head and head penetration nozzles.

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.

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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 me at (404) 562-4510 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Kerry D. Landis, Chief

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