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Mr. James L. Caldwell, Administrator
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210
Lisle, IL 60532-4352

Subject: Update to Independent Assessment Plan for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
Operations Performance – Year 2006

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

On March 14, 2006, the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) submitted the Operations Performance Assessment Plan for the year 2006 (letter Serial Number 1-1455) for an independent assessment at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS). This assessment plan is in accordance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) letter, dated March 9, 2004, "Approval to Restart the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Closure of Confirmatory Action Letter, and Issuance of Confirmatory Order," which requires submittal of the identity of the external assessment organization, including the qualifications of the assessors, and the scope and depth of the assessment plan. The assessment is scheduled to commence on June 12, 2006, with the onsite portion of the assessment lasting approximately two weeks.

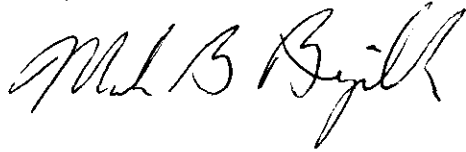
Due to a recent issue that occurred at the Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant after submittal of the assessment plan, Ms. Dana White, Watts Bar Operations Manager, is no longer able to participate as one of the industry peer assessors. The assessment team lead and FENOC are attempting to find a replacement industry peer; however, results to date have not been successful. Therefore, the assessment will be conducted by the other team members, unless a replacement can be arranged. There is no proposed change in the actual scope or schedule of the assessment plan, although the team may extend their daily working hours, as necessary, to ensure a thorough assessment is conducted. The assessment team lead, as well as appropriate FENOC management personnel, believes there is sufficient knowledge and expertise to successfully complete the assessment without a replacement industry peer. This change in industry peer assessors was discussed with NRC Region III staff on June 8, 2006.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Clark A. Price, Manager, Regulatory Compliance, at (419) 321-8585.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. B. Byrle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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Attachment

cc: USNRC Document Control Desk
DB-1 NRC/NRR Project Manager
DB-1 NRC Senior Resident Inspector
Utility Radiological Safety Board

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Attachment 1

COMMITMENT LIST

The following list identifies those actions committed to by the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by Davis-Besse. They are described only as information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Manager, Regulatory Compliance, at (419) 321-8585 at Davis-Besse of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

<u>COMMITMENTS</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
None	N/A