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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION - NRC SECURITY INSPECTION  
REPORT 05000397/2010403

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

On August 5, 2010, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Columbia Generating Station. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on August 5, 2010, with Mr. S. Oxenford, Vice President, Nuclear Generation/Chief Nuclear Officer, and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, no findings of significance were identified. However, a licensee-identified violation which was determined to be of very low security significance is listed in this report. The NRC is treating this violation as a noncited violation (NCV) consistent with Section VI.A.1 of the NRC Enforcement Policy because of the very low security significance of the violation and because it is entered into your corrective action program. If you contest this noncited violation, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN.: Document Control Desk, Washington D.C. 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; and the NRC Senior Resident Inspector at the Columbia Generating Station.

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Sincerely,

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