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September 4, 2012

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SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN -
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 1
(REPORT 05000354/2012006)

Dear Mr. Joyce:

On August 16, 2012, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed its mid-cycle performance review of Hope Creek Generating Station, Unit 1 (Hope Creek). The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility. This assessment reflects the integration of the Security Cornerstone into the ROP performance assessment program governed by IMC 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program."

The NRC determined the performance at Hope Creek during the most recent quarter was within the Degraded Cornerstone column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because of one or more greater-than-green Security cornerstone inputs as described in Inspection Report 05000354/2012201, dated December 19, 2011. The significance determination for these findings was finalized on March 20, 2012 (ML120670582)¹. The 95002 supplemental inspection for these findings was completed the week of August 27, 2012, and the results will be communicated to you via separate correspondence. The objectives of that supplemental inspection were to provide assurance that: (1) the root and contributing causes for the risk-significant issues were understood; (2) the extent of condition and extent of cause of the issues were identified; and (3) corrective actions were or will be sufficient to address and preclude repetition of the root and contributing causes. The inspection also included an independent NRC review of the extent of condition and extent of cause for the issues and an assessment of whether any safety culture component caused or significantly contributed to the greater-than-green Security cornerstone inputs.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through December 31, 2013. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. In addition to the baseline inspections, consistent with the Agency's actions related to Fukushima, the NRC will perform TI-187, "Inspection of Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3 Flooding Walkdowns" and TI-188, "Inspection of Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3 Seismic Walkdowns." The NRC will also be conducting IP 60855.1, "Operation of an ISFSI at

¹ Designation in parenthesis refers to an ADAMS accession number. Documents referenced in this letter are publicly available using the accession number in ADAMS.

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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 accordance with 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 the NRC’s Agencywide Document Access and Management 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 Art Burritt at 610-337-5069 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA by David C. Lew acting for/

William M. Dean
Regional Administrator

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NAME	FBower/LC for	LCline/LC	ABurritt/LC for	DRoberts/DJR	WDean/DCL for
DATE	08/27/12	08/27/12	08/27/12	08/30/12	09/04/12

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Hope Creek
Inspection / Activity Plan
07/01/2012 - 12/31/2013

Unit Number	Planned Dates		Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
Start	End				
HP - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTIONS					
					1
1	07/23/2012	07/27/2012	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	07/23/2012	07/27/2012	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1	07/23/2012	07/27/2012	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
TI 182 - DEGRADATION OF UNDERGROUND PIPING					
					1
1	07/23/2012	07/27/2012	IP 2515/182	Review of the Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping	
7111121 - CDBI					
					7
1	07/30/2012	08/03/2012	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	08/13/2012	08/17/2012	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1	08/27/2012	08/31/2012	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
7111111B - REQUAL INSPECTION WITH P/F RESULTS					
					2
1	10/08/2012	10/12/2012	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	
TI-187 - TI-187 - FLOODING WALKDOWNS					
					2
1	09/01/2012	12/31/2012	IP 2515/187	Inspection of Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3 Flooding Walkdowns	
TI-188 - TI-188 - SEISMIC WALKDOWNS					
					2
1	09/01/2012	12/31/2012	IP 2515/188	Inspection of Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3 Seismic Walkdowns	
HP - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTIONS					
					1
1	09/10/2012	09/14/2012	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	09/10/2012	09/14/2012	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	09/10/2012	09/14/2012	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	09/10/2012	09/14/2012	IP 71151-PR01	RETS/ODCM Radiological Effluent	
PI&R - PI&R					
					4
1	01/28/2013	02/01/2013	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1	02/11/2013	02/15/2013	IP 71152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
EP PROGR - EP PROGRAM INSPECTION					
					1
1	03/04/2013	03/08/2013	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1	03/04/2013	03/08/2013	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1	03/04/2013	03/08/2013	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes	
1	03/04/2013	03/08/2013	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
60855 - ISFSI LOADING INSPECTION					
					2
1	03/01/2013	06/30/2013	IP 60855	Operation Of An ISFSI	
1	03/01/2013	06/30/2013	IP 60855.1	Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants	
TRI FI - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION					
					3
1	03/18/2013	03/22/2013	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	

This report does not include INPO and OUTAGE activities.
This report shows only on-site and announced inspection procedures.

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		TRI FI - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		3
1	04/01/2013 04/05/2013	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
		8/19 EXM - HOPE CREEK INITIAL EXAM		4
1	07/22/2013 07/26/2013	U01872	FY13-HOPE CREEK INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
1	08/19/2013 08/21/2013	U01872	FY13-HOPE CREEK INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAM	
		HP - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTIONS		1
1	05/13/2013 05/17/2013	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	05/13/2013 05/17/2013	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1	05/13/2013 05/17/2013	IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
		HP - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTIONS		1
1	09/30/2013 10/04/2013	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	09/30/2013 10/04/2013	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	09/30/2013 10/04/2013	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	09/30/2013 10/04/2013	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	09/30/2013 10/04/2013	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
		7111108G - INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
1	10/14/2013 10/18/2013	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR	
		HP - RADIATION SAFETY INSPECTIONS		1
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1	10/21/2013 10/25/2013	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
		71124.08 - RADWASTE		1
1	12/09/2013 12/13/2013	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	