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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION UNITS
1, 2 AND 3 (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000369/2012001 AND
05000370/2012001)**

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

On February 12, 2013, the NRC completed its end-of-cycle performance review of the Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2 and 3. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 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.

The NRC determined that overall, Oconee Units 1, 2 and 3 operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance for all three units during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because all inspection findings had very low (i.e., Green) safety significance and all PIs indicated that your performance was within the nominal, expected range (i.e., Green). Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct ROP baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through June 30, 2014. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. We will also be performing Temporary Instruction 182, Review of the Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping, and reactor operator licensing examinations. Additionally, the staff will continue its review of modifications associated with fire, tornado, and high energy line break mitigation. The inspections listed during the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the mid-cycle performance review. 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.

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Please contact me at 404-997-4607 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jonathan H. Bartley, Chief
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Inspection / Activity Plan

03/01/2013 - 06/30/2014

Unit Number	Planned Dates		Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
	Start	End			
1, 2, 3	03/04/2013	03/07/2013	OL RQ - REQUAL INSPECTION	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	2
			IP 7111111B		
1, 2, 3	04/01/2013	04/05/2013	PI&R - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION		4
			IP 711152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1, 2, 3	04/15/2013	04/19/2013	IP 711152B	Problem Identification and Resolution	
1	05/20/2013	05/24/2013	OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM PREP		3
			V23406	OCONEE/JUNE 2013 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
1	06/10/2013	06/14/2013	OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM - WEEK 1		3
			V23406	OCONEE/JUNE 2013 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
1, 2, 3	07/22/2013	07/26/2013	TFPI - OCO - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSP		5
			IP 7111105x	Fire Protection - NFPA 805 (Triennial)	
1, 2, 3	08/05/2013	08/09/2013	IP 7111105x	Fire Protection - NFPA 805 (Triennial)	
1, 2, 3	09/16/2013	09/20/2013	EP - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INSPECTION		1
			IP 71111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	
1, 2, 3	09/16/2013	09/20/2013	IP 71111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1, 2, 3	09/16/2013	09/20/2013	IP 71111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1, 2, 3	09/16/2013	09/20/2013	IP 711151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1, 2, 3	10/07/2013	10/09/2013	TI-182 - TI-182 BURIED PIPING/TANK - PHASE 2		1
			IP 2515/182	Review of the Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping	
2	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	ISI - UNIT 2 INSERVICE INSPECTION		2
			IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
2	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	SGISI - UNIT 2 SG INSERVICE INSPECTION		1
			IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
1, 2, 3	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL BASELINE WEEK		3
			IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2, 3	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1, 2, 3	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2, 3	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2, 3	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2, 3	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1, 2	10/21/2013	10/25/2013	MODS - PLANT MODIFICATIONS INSPECTION		3
			IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
1, 2	11/04/2013	11/08/2013	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
1, 2, 3	11/18/2013	11/22/2013	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	

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1, 2, 3	12/02/2013	12/06/2013	MODS	- PLANT MODIFICATIONS INSPECTION	3
			IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	
1, 2, 3	11/04/2013	11/08/2013	RP	- RP-OCCUPATIONAL BASELINE WEEK2	3
			IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2, 3	11/04/2013	11/08/2013	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1, 2, 3	11/04/2013	11/08/2013	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2, 3	11/04/2013	11/08/2013	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2, 3	11/04/2013	11/08/2013	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2, 3	11/04/2013	11/08/2013	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1	11/18/2013	11/22/2013	OL EXAM	- INITIAL EXAM PREP WEEK	3
			V23416	OCONEE/DECEMBER 2013 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
1	12/09/2013	12/13/2013	OL EXAM	- INITIAL EXAM WEEK 1	3
			V23416	OCONEE/DECEMBER 2013 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
1, 2, 3	01/06/2014	01/10/2014	CDBI	- COMPONENT DESIGN BASES INSPECTION	6
1, 2, 3	01/27/2014	01/31/2014	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1, 2, 3	02/10/2014	02/14/2014	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
1, 2, 3	02/24/2014	02/28/2014	IP 7111121	Component Design Bases Inspection	
3	04/14/2014	04/18/2014	LR	- UNIT 3 POST APPROVAL LR PHASE 1	2
			IP 71003	Post-Approval Site Inspection for License Renewal	
3	04/21/2014	04/25/2014	ISI	- UNIT 3 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION	1
			IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
3	04/28/2014	05/02/2014	SGISI	- UNIT 3 SG IN-SERVICE INSPECTION	1
			IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	
1, 2, 3	05/05/2014	05/09/2014	RP	- RAD HAZARD ASSESSMENT AND TRANSPORTATION	2
1, 2, 3	05/05/2014	05/09/2014	IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	
1, 2, 3	05/05/2014	05/09/2014	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
			IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1	05/12/2014	05/16/2014	OL EXAM	- INITIAL LICENSE EXAM PREP	3
			V23424	OCONEE/JUNE 2014 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	
1	06/09/2014	06/13/2014	OL EXAM	- INITIAL LICENSE EXAM WEEK 1	3
			V23424	OCONEE/JUNE 2014 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	

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1, 2, 3	06/16/2014	06/20/2014	RP	- RP PUBLIC RADIATION SAFETY BASELINE	2
			IP 71124.06	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment	
1, 2, 3	06/16/2014	06/20/2014	IP 71124.07	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program	
1, 2, 3	06/16/2014	06/20/2014	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	

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