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**SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - NOTIFICATION OF NRC TRIENNIAL FIRE
PROTECTION BASELINE INSPECTION (05000298/2016008) AND REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION**

Dear Mr. Limpias:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region IV staff will conduct a triennial fire protection baseline inspection at the Cooper Nuclear Station facility in August 2016. The inspection team will be comprised of four reactor inspectors from the NRC Region IV office. The inspection will be conducted in accordance with Inspection Procedure 71111.05XT, "Fire Protection – NFPA 805 (Triennial)," the NRC's baseline fire protection inspection procedure.

The schedule for the inspection is as follows:

- Information gathering visit: July 12 -13, 2016
- Onsite inspection: August 8 - 12, 2016
August 22 - 26, 2016

The purpose of the information gathering visit is to obtain information and documentation needed to support the inspection and to become familiar with the fire protection program, fire protection features, post-fire safe shutdown capabilities, plant layout, and mitigating strategies to address Section B.5.b of NRC Order EA-02-026, "Order for Interim Safeguards and Security Compensatory Measures," dated February 25, 2002, and 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2).

Initial lists of the documents the team will review during the conduct of the inspection are listed in Attachments 1 and 2. The team leader will contact you with any additional specific document requests prior to the information gathering visit.

During the information gathering visit, the team will also discuss the following inspection support administrative details: (1) office space size and location; (2) specific documents requested to be made available to the team in their office spaces; (3) arrangements for reactor site access (including radiation protection training, security, safety, and fitness for duty requirements); and (4) the availability of knowledgeable plant staff and licensing organization personnel to serve as points of contact during the inspection.

We request that your staff transmit copies of the documents listed in the enclosure to the NRC Region IV office for team use in preparation for the inspection. Please send this information so that it will arrive in our office in Arlington, Texas, by the dates listed in the enclosure.

We request that during the onsite inspection weeks, you ensure that copies of analyses, evaluations, or documentation regarding the implementation and maintenance of the fire protection program, including post-fire safe shutdown capability, be readily accessible to the team for their review. Of specific interest for the fire protection portion of the inspection are those documents that establish that your fire protection program satisfies the NRC regulatory requirements and conforms to applicable NRC and industry fire protection guidance. For the 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) portion of the inspection, those documents implementing your mitigating strategies and demonstrating the management of your commitments for the strategies are of specific interest. Also, please ensure the availability of appropriate personnel knowledgeable of: (1) plant systems required to achieve and maintain safe shutdown conditions from inside and outside the control room, (2) the electrical aspects of the post-fire safe shutdown analyses, (3) reactor plant fire protection systems, (4) the fire protection program and its implementation, and (5) the 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) program implementation should be available to support the team at the site during the inspection.

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Your cooperation and support during this inspection will be appreciated. If you have questions concerning this inspection or the inspection team's information or logistical needs, please contact John Mateychick, the team lead inspector, in the Region IV office at (817) 200-1560, or email, John.Mateychick@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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1. Triennial Fire Protection Inspection
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Fire Protection Program Documentation Request

The documents and information requested below should generally be made available to the inspection team during the inspection. Electronic format is the preferred media, except where specifically noted. If electronic media is made available via the internet-based inspection management system (IMS), then the remote document access must allow inspectors to download, save, and print the documents in the NRC's regional office.

If IMS is utilized, it is recommended that a separate folder be used corresponding to each request item listed below and that multiple documents being uploaded into a folder be combined into a ZIP file before uploading to IMS. Electronic media on compact disc or paper records (hard copy) are acceptable.

To allow review before the on-site information gathering visit, the following documents should be made available to the team in the regional office no later than July 1, 2016:

- Post-fire Nuclear Safety Capability, Systems, and Separation Analysis (request A.1)
- Fire Hazards Analysis and/or National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 Design Basis Document (request A.2)
- Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Summary Document or full PRA Document (request A.3)
- NFPA 805 Transition Report, developed in accordance with NEI 04-02 (request A.4)
- Fire Risk Evaluations (i.e., NFPA 805, Section 2.4.3) (request A.5)
- Plant Change Evaluations (i.e., NFPA 805, Section 2.4.4) (request A.6)
- Analysis that demonstrates nuclear safety performance criteria can be achieved and maintained for those areas that require recovery actions (request A.7)
- List of completed modifications
- List of planned modifications
- Lists of open variations from deterministic requirements (VFDRs) and any compensatory actions

Based on review of the above ten documents, team leader should identify a preliminary list of fire areas being considered for inspection prior to the on-site information gathering visit. During the information gathering visit, or shortly thereafter, the fire areas selected for inspection will be determined.

This document request is based on typical documents that a generic plant might have. As such, this generic document request is not meant to imply that any specific plant is required to have all of the listed documents. It is recognized that some documents listed below may not be available for your plant. In addition, the document titles listed below are based on typical industry document names; your plant specific document titles may vary. To allow review before the on-site inspection weeks, the following documents should be made available to the team in the regional office no later than July 18, 2016:

A. DESIGN AND LICENSING BASIS DOCUMENTS

- A.1 Post-fire Nuclear Safety Capability, Systems, and Separation Analysis.
- A.2 Fire Hazards Analysis and/or NFPA 805 Design Basis Document.
- A.3 Fire PRA Summary Document or full PRA Document (if summary document not available).
- A.4 NFPA 805 Transition Report, developed in accordance with NEI 04-02.
- A.5 Fire risk evaluations (i.e., NFPA 805, Section 2.4.3).
- A.6 Plant change evaluations (i.e., NFPA 805, Section 2.4.4).
- A.7 Analysis that demonstrates nuclear safety performance criteria can be achieved and maintained for those areas that require recovery actions.
- A.8 Fire Protection Program and/or Fire Protection Plan.
- A.9 LIST of post-fire safe shutdown components (i.e., safe shutdown equipment list).
- A.10 Fire Protection System Design Basis Document.
- A.11 LIST of applicable NFPA codes and standards and issuance dates (i.e., codes of record).
- A.12 LIST of deviations from (a) NFPA codes of record, or (b) NFPA 805 fundamental fire protection program and design elements (i.e., NFPA 805, Chapter 3).
- A.13 NFPA Compliance Review Report.
- A.14 COPY of licensee submittals and NRC safety evaluation reports that are specifically listed in the facility operating license for the approved fire protection program.
- A.15 COPY of NRC safety evaluation reports that form the licensing basis for:
 - Fire Protection Program
 - Post-fire Nuclear Safety Capability

A.16 LIST of nuclear safety capability design changes completed in the last three years (including their associated 10 CFR 50.59 and NFPA 805 plant change evaluations).

A.17 Facility Operating License.

A.18 Technical Specifications (electronic format only).

A.19 Technical Requirements Manual (electronic format only).

A.20 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (electronic format only).

B. GENERAL PLANT DESIGN DOCUMENTS

B.1 Piping and instrumentation diagrams and legend list for components used to achieve and maintain nuclear safety performance criteria for (electronic format and C-size paper drawings):

- Fires outside the main control room
- Fires in areas requiring recovery actions at other than primary control stations

B.2 Piping and instrumentation diagrams and legend list for fire protection systems, including fire water supply, water suppression sprinklers, and deluge, and CO₂, and halon systems (electronic format and C-size paper drawings).

B.3 Yard layout drawings for underground fire protection buried piping (electronic format and C-size paper drawings).

B.4 AC and DC electrical system single line diagrams, from off-site power down to the highest safety-related bus level (typically 4kV, EDG bus) (electronic format and C-size paper drawings).

B.5 Single line diagrams for motor control centers (MCCs) that supply post-fire nuclear safety component loads (only for selected fire areas) (electronic format and C-size paper drawings).

B.6 Equipment location drawings that identify the physical plant locations of post-fire nuclear safety capability equipment (electronic format and C-size paper drawings).

B.7 Plant layout drawings that identify (electronic format and C-size paper drawings):

- Plant fire area boundaries
- Combustible control zone drawings
- Areas protected by automatic fire suppression and detection
- Locations of fire protection equipment

C. CLASSIC FIRE PROTECTION

- C.1 COPY of fire protection program implementing procedures (e.g., administrative controls, surveillance testing, and fire brigade).
- C.2 LIST of calculations and engineering analyses, studies, or evaluations for the fire protection system, including the fire water system.
- C.3 Hydraulic calculation or analysis for fire protection water system.
- C.4 Last two completed surveillances of fire protection features in the selected fire areas (detection, suppression, damper inspections, damper tests, penetration inspections, barrier inspections, etc.).
- C.5 LIST of routine tests, surveillances, and preventive maintenance on fire pumps, including pump controllers and batteries.
- C.6 Last two completed annual fire pump pressure and flow tests.
- C.7 Last two completed monthly and/or quarterly fire pump tests.
- C.8 Last two completed fire loop flow tests and loop flushes.
- C.9 CO₂ and Halon initial discharge testing or calculation that determined appropriate concentrations and soak or hold times can be achieved (only for selected fire areas).
- C.10 Last five hot work permits (at power).
- C.11 Last five transient combustible permits (at power).
- C.12 For fire brigade drills provide the following:
 - Last five fire brigade drill critiques
 - Last drill critique for a drill with off-site fire department support
 - Last unannounced drill critique
 - Last back-shift drill critique
 - Dates, shifts, and locations of unannounced drills for last three years
 - Summary of any unsatisfactory drill performance items for last three years
 - Last unannounced drill critique by a qualified individual independent of the licensee's staff

C.13 For fire brigade equipment provide the following:

- Procedure for inventory and inspection
- Most recent inspection and inventory results

C.14 Fire brigade qualifications, including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and training lesson plans.

C.15 COPY of the mutual aid agreement for the “first-due” local fire department that is currently in effect

C.16 COPY of the evaluation or analysis of the effects of fire suppression activities on the ability to achieve the nuclear safety performance criteria (only for selected fire areas), including:

- An automatic or manually-actuated suppression system, due to a fire in a single location, will not indirectly cause damage to the success path.
- Inadvertent actuation or rupture of a suppression system will not indirectly cause damage to the success path.
- Demonstration of adequate drainage for areas protected by water suppression systems.
- Hydrostatic rating of any floor penetration seals installed within the fire areas that are credited with keeping water from leaking into fire areas below.

C.17 Pre-fire plans for all fire areas.

C.18 For emergency lighting units provide the following:

- COPY of performance-based emergency light assessments
- LIST of preventive maintenance tasks, frequencies, and bases
- Most recently performed monthly or quarterly functional test
- Most recently performed battery discharge performance test or conductance measurement test
- Emergency lighting unit battery loading analysis
- Vendor manual(s) for on-site inspector use
- Results of black-out testing (if performed)
- Maintenance rule program information related to the emergency lighting unit

- Compensatory measures taken when emergency lighting units are out of service
 - Drawings showing emergency light locations and lamp orientation
- C.19 Impairment log (at start of inspection), for fire protection features that are out of service.
- C.20 Three fire protection screening reviews for recent design changes, modifications, or temporary modifications (i.e., an NFPA 805 plant change evaluation that screened out).
- C.21 LIST of penetration seal work, re-work, or installation activities, in the last three years.
- C.22 LIST of fire wrap work, re-work, or installation activities, in the last three years.
- C.23 Fire protection system health reports for the two most recent quarters.
- C.24 Fire protection program health report for the two most recent quarters.
- C.25 Emergency lighting system health reports for the two most recent quarters.
- C.26 LIST of fire protection system design changes completed in the last three years (including their associated 10 CFR 50.59 and NFPA 805 plant change evaluations).
- C.27 LIST of fire protection system, NFPA 805 engineering equivalency evaluations completed in the last three years.
- C.28 Licensee evaluation of industry operating experience concerning fire protection issues completed in the last three years.

D. ELECTRICAL

- D.1 Identify whether the cables in the selected fire areas are predominantly thermoset or thermoplastic. Specifically identify any thermoplastic cable in the selected fire areas.
- D.2 Nuclear safety circuit coordination analysis for fuse and breaker coordination of nuclear safety capability components (only for selected fire areas).
- D.3 Administrative or configuration control procedures that govern fuse replacement (e.g., fuse control procedures).
- D.4 Maintenance procedures that verify breaker over-current trip settings to ensure coordination remains functional, for post-fire nuclear safety capability components.
- D.5 Electrical system health reports for the two most recent quarters.
- D.6 Last surveillance demonstrating operability of those components operated from the primary control stations.

- D.7 Schematic or elementary diagrams for circuits to be reviewed (samples to be identified by the inspector) (C-size paper drawings).
- D.8 Cable routing for components and equipment credited for post-fire nuclear safety capability systems and components (only for selected fire areas).
- D.9 LIST of post-fire nuclear safety capability system and component design changes completed, in the last three years.
- D.10 LIST of identified fire induced circuit failure configurations (only for selected fire areas).

E. OPERATIONS

- E.1 LIST of calculations and engineering analyses, studies, or evaluations for the nuclear safety capability methodology.
- E.2 LIST of licensed operator job performance measures (JPMs) for operator actions required to achieve and maintain post-fire nuclear safety performance criteria.
- E.3 LIST of non-licensed operator training associated with non-licensed operator actions to achieve and maintain post-fire nuclear safety performance criteria (including JPMs, in-field training walkdowns, simulations, or initial qualification).
- E.4 Lesson plans for post-fire nuclear safety capability training for licensed and non-licensed operators.
- E.5 For recovery actions provide the following:
- Manual Action Feasibility Study
 - Operator Time Critical Action Program
 - Time lines for time-critical recovery actions
 - Time line validations
- E.6 Thermal hydraulic calculation or analysis that determines the time requirements for time-critical manual operator actions.
- E.7 Operating procedures to achieve and maintain nuclear safety performance criteria from the control room, with a postulated fire in the selected fire areas.
- E.8 Operating procedures to achieve and maintain nuclear safety performance criteria from outside the control room, with a postulated fire in the control room, cable spreading room, or any area requiring recovery actions (other than recovery actions performed in the control room or primary control stations) and any associated procedure basis documents.

E.9 For safe shutdown equipment and tools provide the following:

- Procedure for inventory and inspection
- Most recent inspection and inventory results

E.10 LIST of procedures that implement cold shutdown repairs.

E.11 For cold shutdown repairs provide the following:

- Procedure for inventory and inspection (i.e., needed tools, material, etc.)
- Most recent inspection and inventory results

E.12 For radio communications provide the following:

- Communications plan for firefighting and post-fire safe shutdown manual actions
- Repeater locations
- Cable routing for repeater power supply cables
- Radio coverage test results
- Radio dead spot locations in the plant

E.13 For telephone, plant pager or sound power phone systems, if relied credited for post-fire safe shutdown, provide the following:

- Communications Plan for firefighting and post-fire safe shutdown manual actions
- Locations of phone, pager units, sound-powered phone jacks and sound-powered phone headsets
- Cable routing including power supply cables

E.14 Environmental and habitability evaluations for post-fire operator actions (temperature, smoke, humidity, SCBAs, etc.).

F. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL, OVERSIGHT, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAMS

F.1 Corrective actions for fire-induced circuit failures (including but not limited to NRC IN 92-18), both single and multiple spurious actuations (only for selected fire areas).

F.2 Corrective actions associated with operator actions to achieve and maintain post-fire nuclear safety performance criteria.

F.3 Self-assessments, peer assessments, and audits of fire protection activities for the last three years.

F.4 Self-assessments, peer assessments, and audits of post-fire nuclear safety capability methodology for the last three years.

- F.5 LIST of open and closed condition reports for the fire protection system for the last three years.
- F.6 LIST of fire event analysis reports for the last three years.
- F.7 LIST of open and closed condition reports for emergency lighting units for the last three years.
- F.8 LIST of open and closed condition reports for post-fire nuclear safety capability issues for the last three years. This includes issues affecting the nuclear safety capability analysis, fire hazards analysis, NFPA 805 design basis, fire risk evaluations, plant change evaluations, post-fire operating procedures and/or training, timeline evaluations for operator actions, and supporting engineering evaluations, analysis, or calculations.
- F.9 LIST of procedures that control the configuration of the fire protection program, features, and post-fire nuclear safety capability methodology and system design.

MITIGATING STRATEGIES SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

G. 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) MITIGATING STRATEGIES DOCUMENTS

- G.1 LIST of all changes to regulatory commitments made to meet the requirements of Section B.5.b of NRC Order EA-02-026, "Order for Interim Safeguards and Security Compensatory Measures," dated February 25, 2002, and 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2).
- G.2 LIST of procedures and guidelines that were revised or generated to implement the mitigating strategies. These could be extensive damage mitigation guidelines (EDMGs), severe accident management guidelines (SAMGs), emergency operating procedures (EOPs), abnormal operating procedures (AOPs), etc.
- G.3 A matrix that shows the correlation between the mitigation strategies identified in Nuclear Energy Institute, 06-12, Revision 2, "B.5.b Phase 2 & 3 Submittal Guideline," issued December 2006, and the site-specific procedures or guidelines that are used to implement each strategy.
- G.4 LIST of engineering evaluations or calculations that were used to verify the engineering bases for the mitigating strategies.
- G.5 Piping and instrumentation diagrams and legend list or simplified flow diagrams for systems relied upon in the mitigating strategies. These could be the type used for training (electronic format and C-size paper drawings).
- G.6 LIST of modification packages or summary descriptions of modifications with simplified drawings, for necessary facility changes to implement the mitigating strategies.
- G.7 LIST of routine tests, surveillances, and preventive maintenance for equipment and tools needed to implement 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) strategies.
- G.8 For equipment and tools needed to implement 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) strategies, provide the following:
- Procedures for inventory and inspection
 - Most recent inspection and inventory results
- G.9 LIST of 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) strategies, if any, which have implementing details that differ from that documented in the submittals or the safety evaluation report.
- G.10 Site general arrangement drawings that show the majority of buildings and areas referenced in 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) documents (electronic format and C-size paper drawings).
- G.11 Training records, training matrix, and lesson plans related to 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2).
- G.12 Copies of memoranda of understanding (MOU) (e.g., with local fire departments) required to implement any mitigating strategies.