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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - HATCH

On October 1, 1996, the regional staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of Hatch. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by regional management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for Hatch involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period from March 1996 through August 1996. PPRs provide regional management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Hatch PPR review. It is provided in an attempt to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts to be resolved in advance of inspection dates. The enclosure presents our inspection plan for the next six months. Specific dates are included for near term inspections. Long term inspection dates will be announced prior to the inspections and any scheduling conflicts will be resolved with your staff. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reasons for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature, nor are Region-based inspections which accomplish Resident Core Modules to compensate for Resident Inspector absences due to training.

During each NRC inspection planned during this period, specific attention will continue to be given to the verification of selected Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) commitments. Applicable portion(s) of the UFSAR that relate to the inspection activities will be reviewed and verification made that the UFSAR commitments have been properly implemented into plant practices, procedures and/or parameters.

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We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact P. H. Skinner at (404)-331-6299.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Pierce H. Skinner)

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HATCH INSPECTION PLAN

INSPECTION PROCEDURE/ TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION	TITLE/PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - BASIS
IP 62706	Maintenance Rule Baseline Audit [MAINTENANCE - MNT]	5	10/21/96	Team Inspection - Maint. Rule Implementation
IP 84750	Rad Waste Systems, Water Chemistry, & Envir. Monitoring	1	11/12/96	Core Inspection
IP 86750 TI 133	Rad Waste Management & Transp. Rad Waste [PLANT SUPPORT - PS]			Combine with 86750
TI 130	Improved TSs [MAINTENANCE - MNT]	1	11/18/96	Area of Emphasis - Surveillance
IP 64704	Fire Protection Program [PLANT SUPPORT - SI]	1	1/6/97	Core Inspection
IP 62700	Maintenance Implementation [MAINTENANCE - MNT]	1	1/13/97	Regional Initiative - Emphasize Electrical Maint.
IP 81700	Security Program for Reactors [PLANT SUPPORT - SI]	1	1/21/97	Core Inspection
IP 37550	Core Physics/Engineering [ENGINEERING - ENG]	1 ----- 4	2/10/97 ----- 3/24- 4/4/97	Inspect installation of new power range nuclear inst.
PA 112JA	Initial Operator Exams	3 ----- 3	3/3/97 ----- 3/17/97	Standard initial exam prep. ----- Standard initial exams given.
IP 73753	In-Service inspection [MAINTENANCE - MNT]	1	3/24/97	Core Inspection - perform during outage.
IP 83750	Occupational Exposure [PLANT SUPPORT - SI]	1	1/13/97	Core Inspection