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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - BROWNS FERRY

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On October 7, 1996, the Regional staff completed the semi-annual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of Browns Ferry. 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 Browns Ferry 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 Browns Ferry 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 on-going and continuous nature nor are region based inspections which accomplish resident core modules to compensate for resident inspector absences.

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 Mr. M. Lesser at (404) 331-0342.

Sincerely,

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# BROWNS FERRY INSPECTION PLAN

Inspection Procedure	Title	No. of Inspectors	Inspection Dates	Type of Inspection
IP 92050	QA for Extended Construction Delays	1	11/13-14/96	Unit 1 Layup Inspections
IP 71714	Cold Weather Preparations	1	12/96	Regional Initiative - Focus on Implementation and Maintenance
IP 81700	Physical Security Program	1	1/27-31/97	Core Inspection
IP 62700	Maintenance/Testing of Safe Shutdown Panels	1	2/3-7/97	Regional Initiative due to generic concerns
IP 37550	Engineering	1	3/97	Core Inspection. Regional Initiative to Focus on Resolution of Design deficiencies, root cause analysis for equipment failures
IP 73753	Inservice Inspection	1	3/3-7/97	Core Inspection
IP 83750	Radiation Protection	1	3/3-7/97	Core Inspection
IP 62706	Maintenance Rule	5	4/14-18/97	Team Inspection
IP 62700	Post Maintenance Testing	1	5/12-16/97	Regional Initiative due to past performance problems in this area

Enclosure