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SUBJECT: SEMIANNUAL PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW - **WATERFORD 3**

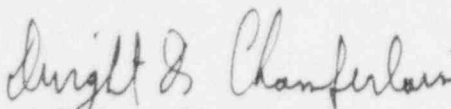
On October 30, 1996, the NRC staff completed the Semiannual Plant Performance Review (SPPR) for Waterford 3. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by NRC management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The SPPR for Waterford 3 involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period March to October 1996. SPPRs provide NRC management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs into the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance and Senior Management Meeting reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Waterford 3 SPPR review. It is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for the next 8 months. During this SPPR, the NRC identified decreased performance in the functional areas of Operations, Maintenance, and Engineering. Specifically, operators did not appropriately enter the Technical Specification limiting condition for operation when required, the inservice testing program was not effectively implemented, and both the NRC and your staffs continued to identify engineering performance problems related to weaknesses in understanding your design and licensing basis.

Recognize that since your Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance period ends on November 30, 1996, any changes, as a result of the assessment performed by the SALP Board, to the scheduled inspections will be communicated after development of your Master Inspection Plan. Resident inspections are not listed because of their ongoing and continuous nature.

If you have any questions, please contact Phil Harrell at 817/860-8250.

Sincerely,


for J. E. Dyer, Director
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ENCLOSURE

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INSPECTION PLAN

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Inspection Program (mandatory all plants)

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION/COMMENTS
IP 62706	MAINTENANCE RULE AUDIT	6	01/27-31/97	REGIONAL INITIATIVE TEAM - BASELINE EVALUATION
IP 93902	INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM FOLLOWUP	1	03/10-19/97	REGIONAL INITITATIVE
IP 73753	INSERVICE INSPECTION	1	04/21-25/97	CORE INSPECTION