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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - HATCH

Dear Mr. Sumner:

On March 14, 1997, 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 September 1, 1996 through February 28, 1997. 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 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 six months. 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.

During each NRC inspection planned during this period, specific attention will 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. The goal is to determine the accuracy of the UFSAR regarding existing plant practices and conditions by providing specific attention to the UFSAR when performing various reactor inspections. Inspectors will not be judging the overall completeness of the UFSAR; rather, the inspectors will focus on identifying differences between the UFSAR description and the plant.

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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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Enclosure: Inspection Plan

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HATCH
INSPECTION PLAN
MARCH 1997 TO SEPTEMBER 1997

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

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

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS
IP 81700	Security	1	4/14-4/18/97	Core
IP 62700	Maintenance	1	6/2-6/6/97	Regional Initiative. Corrective action on equipment failures and followup on MR items.
IP 40500	Effectiveness of licensee controls	4	6/9-6/13/97	Core
IP 84750 IP 86750 TI 133	Radioactive Waste Treatment/solid Radwaste & Transportation	1	6/23-6/30/97	Core and Safety Issues
IP 71500	Balance of Plant Inspection	1	7/7-7/11/97	Regional Initiative
IP 64704	Fire Protection	1	7/14-7/18/97	Regional Initiative
IP 82301/82302	Emergency Preparedness Inspections	2	8/18-8/22/97	Core
IP 71001	Control Room Observation	1	9/8-9/12/97	Regional Initiative
IP 37001	10 CFR 50.59 Safety Evaluation Program	2	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Regional Initiative (NRC and Resident staff)

Enclosure