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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN - CATAWBA
NUCLEAR STATION**

Dear Mr. Jamil:

On August 11, 2003, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of the Catawba Nuclear Station. The mid-cycle review for Catawba involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) for the most recent quarter and inspection results for the first half of the current assessment cycle, January 1 - December 31, 2003. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period and our plans for future inspections at your facility so that you will have an opportunity to prepare for these inspections and to inform us of any planned inspections that may conflict with your plant activities.

Plant performance for the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, through September 30, 2004, we currently plan to conduct baseline inspections at your facility.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections currently scheduled through September 30, 2004. The inspection plan 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. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The last six months of the inspection plan is tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review.

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If circumstances arise which cause us to change the inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at 404-562-4550 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely

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Enclosure: Catawba Inspection/ Activity Plan

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Catawba
Inspection / Activity Plan
09/01/2003 - 09/30/2004

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		11/17/2003	11/20/2003	Baseline Inspections
	EB2-ISI - INSERVICE INSPECTION-U1		1			
1	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
	PS-SEC - SECURITY		2			
1, 2	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizat		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7113003	Response to Contingency Events (Protective Strategy and Implementation of Protective Stræ		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		11/17/2003	11/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
	OL EP - EP EXERCISE		2			
1, 2	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	Baseline Inspections
	EB1-TFP - TFP PRE-INSPECTION VISIT		4			
1, 2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		05/17/2004	05/21/2004	Baseline Inspections
	EB1-TFP - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION		4			
1, 2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		06/07/2004	06/11/2004	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		06/21/2004	06/25/2004	Baseline Inspections
	EB2-MODS - MODIFICATIONS/10CFR50.59		3			
1, 2	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		07/26/2004	07/30/2004	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7111117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		07/26/2004	07/30/2004	Baseline Inspections
	PB1PIR - PI&R INSPECTION		4			
1, 2	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/09/2004	08/13/2004	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/23/2004	08/27/2004	Baseline Inspections
	OL RQ - REQUAL INSPECTION		2			
1, 2	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		08/16/2004	08/20/2004	Baseline Inspections
	OL PREP - INITIAL EXAM PREP		3			
1	V23204	CATAWBA/EXAMS AT POWER FACILITIES		09/13/2004	09/17/2004	Not Applicable
	EB2-ISI - INSERVICE INSPECTION-U2		1			
2	IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR		09/20/2004	09/24/2004	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		2			
1, 2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		09/20/2004	09/24/2004	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		09/20/2004	09/24/2004	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		09/20/2004	09/24/2004	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		09/20/2004	09/24/2004	Baseline Inspections

This report does not include INPO and OUTAGE activities.
This report shows only on-site and announced inspection procedures.