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**SUBJECT: MID-CYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN - VIRGIL C.
SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION**

Dear Mr. Byrne:

On August 6, 2002, the NRC staff completed its mid-cycle plant performance assessment of the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station. In accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," the mid-cycle review involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating the performance of your V. C. Summer facility for the first half of the current assessment cycle, January 1 - December 31, 2002. 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 which 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 performance indicators indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, through September 30, 2003, we currently plan to conduct at your facility: baseline inspections and license renewal related inspections.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections currently scheduled through September 30, 2003. 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.

In addition, the NRC is in the process of finalizing a Temporary Instruction that will be used to review implementation of the Interim Compensatory Measures required by the Agency's Security Order to all commercial nuclear power plants dated February 25, 2002. Schedules have not yet been finalized, but it is anticipated that these inspections will begin within the next calendar quarter. Once finalized, the details will be communicated by separate correspondence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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 404-562-4510 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely

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Enclosure: V. C. Summer Inspection / Activity Plan

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Summer
Inspection / Activity Plan
09/01/2002 - 09/30/2003

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates		Inspection Type
				Start	End	
	EB1SSDPC - SAFETY SYS DESIGN & PERFORMANCE CAPABILI		5			
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		09/23/2002	09/27/2002	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		10/07/2002	10/11/2002	Baseline Inspections
	OL EXAM - INITIAL EXAM		2			
1	V23190	SUMMER/EXAMS AT POWER FACILITIES		09/09/2002	09/13/2002	Not Applicable
	EB2-MR - MAINTENANCE RULE		1			
1	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Effectiveness		11/18/2002	11/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
	PS-SEC - SECURITY		2			
1	IP 7113003	Response to Contingency Events (Protective Strategy and Implementation of Protective Strategy)		02/03/2003	02/07/2003	Baseline Inspections
	EB2-MODS - MODIFICATIONS/10CFR50.59		3			
1	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		03/17/2003	03/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		03/17/2003	03/21/2003	Baseline Inspections
	LIC RENE - FIRST LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION		4			
1	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		05/12/2003	05/16/2003	Other Routine
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		3			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		06/23/2003	06/27/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		06/23/2003	06/27/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		06/23/2003	06/27/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		06/23/2003	06/27/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		06/23/2003	06/27/2003	Baseline Inspections
	OL EP - EMERGENCY EXERCISE		2			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		07/21/2003	07/25/2003	Baseline Inspections
	EB2-HS - HEAT SINK		1			
1	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		07/28/2003	08/01/2003	Baseline Inspections
	LIC RENE - SECOND LICENSE RENEWAL INSPECTION		4			
1	IP 71002	License Renewal Inspection		08/11/2003	08/29/2003	Other Routine
	OL RQ - REQUAL INSPECTION		2			
1	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		08/18/2003	08/22/2003	Baseline Inspections
	PS-SEC - SECURITY		1			
1	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorization)		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		09/29/2003	10/03/2003	Baseline Inspections

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