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SUBJECT: MIDCYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN -
COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION

Dear Mr. Parrish:

On August 5, 2008, the NRC staff completed its performance review of the Columbia Generating Station for the first half of the calendar year 2008 assessment cycle. Our technical staff reviewed performance indicators for the most recent quarter and inspection results over the previous 12 months. 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.

This performance review and enclosed inspection plan do not include security information. A separate letter designated and marked as "Official Use Only - Security-Related Information" will include the security cornerstone review and resultant inspection plan.

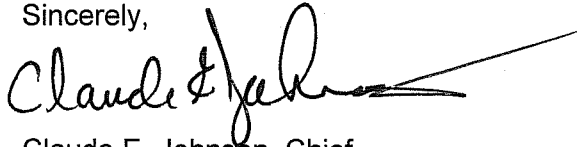
Plant performance for the most recent quarter at Columbia Generating Station was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all performance indicators indicating performance at a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

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections, less those related to physical protection scheduled through December 31, 2009. The inspection plan is provided to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues well in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature. The inspections in the last 9 months of the inspection plan are 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 817-860-8148 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Columbia Generating Station Inspection/Activity Plan

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**Columbia Generating Station
Inspection / Activity Plan
09/01/2008 - 12/31/2009**

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Type
EP1 - EP EXERCISE						
2	IP 2515175	Emergency Response Organization, Drill/Exercise Performance Indicator, Program Review	3	09/08/2008	09/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		09/08/2008	09/12/2008	EP Baseline Inspection
2	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		09/08/2008	09/12/2008	EP Baseline Inspection
2	IP 71151-EP01	Drill/Exercise Performance		09/08/2008	09/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151-EP02	ERO Drill Participation		09/08/2008	09/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151-EP03	Alert & Notification System		09/08/2008	09/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
2	EB1-17T - 50.59 & PERMANENT PLANT MODS		3			
2	IP 7111117	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications		12/01/2008	12/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
REQUAL - BIENNIAL REQUAL						
2	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program	2	12/08/2008	12/12/2008	Baseline Inspections
EXAM - INITIAL EXAMINATION						
2	X02376	COLUMBIA GENERATING-INITIAL EXAM (07/2008)	7	12/15/2008	12/19/2008	Not Applicable
2	X02376	COLUMBIA GENERATING-INITIAL EXAM (07/2008)		01/12/2009	01/17/2009	Not Applicable
EB1-08 - INSERVICE INSPECTION						
2	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR	2	05/11/2009	06/12/2009	Baseline Inspections
RP-ORS4 - OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY - ACCESS						
2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas	1	05/11/2009	05/15/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		05/11/2009	05/15/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		05/11/2009	05/15/2009	Baseline Inspections
RP-ORS3 - OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY - ALARA						
2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas	1	05/18/2009	05/22/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		05/18/2009	05/22/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		05/18/2009	05/22/2009	Baseline Inspections
RPTEAM - RADIATION SAFETY TEAM INSPECTION						
2	IP 2515173	Review of the Implementation of the Industry Ground Water Protection Voluntary Initiative	5	07/20/2009	07/24/2009	Generic Safety Inspecti
2	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		07/20/2009	07/24/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		07/20/2009	07/24/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		07/20/2009	07/24/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program (REMP) And Radioactive Material Control Program		07/20/2009	07/24/2009	Baseline Inspections
PSB2-52B - BIENNIAL PI&R INSPECTION						
2	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems	4	08/17/2009	08/21/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		08/31/2009	09/04/2009	Baseline Inspections
EP1 - BIENNIAL EP PROGRAM INSPECTION						
2	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing	1	08/07/2009	08/21/2009	EP Baseline Inspection

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	EP1 - BIENNIAL EP PROGRAM INSPECTION		1			
2	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		08/17/2009	08/17/2009	EP Baseline Inspection
2	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		08/17/2009	08/21/2009	EP Baseline Inspection
2	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		08/17/2009	08/21/2009	EP Baseline Inspection
2	IP 711151	Performance Indicator Verification		08/17/2009	08/21/2009	Baseline Inspections
	EXAM - INITIAL EXAM		3			
2	X02405	INITIAL EXAM-CGS (10/2009)		08/24/2009	08/28/2009	Not Applicable
2	X02405	INITIAL EXAM-CGS (10/2009)		10/05/2009	10/09/2009	Not Applicable
	EB2-05T - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION		4			
2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]		09/21/2009	09/24/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]		10/05/2009	10/09/2009	Baseline Inspections
	RP-ORS5 - OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION SAFETY - ALARA		1			
2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		10/19/2009	10/23/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		10/19/2009	10/23/2009	Baseline Inspections
2	IP 711151	Performance Indicator Verification		10/19/2009	10/23/2009	Baseline Inspections

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