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December 27, 1999

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION PLAN - COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. Swailes:

On December 7, 1999, the NRC staff reviewed the performance of Cooper Nuclear Station as reflected in the performance indicators and inspection results in order to integrate performance information and to plan for inspection activities at your facility from December 1, 1999, through July 31, 2000. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of 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.

We have not identified any areas in which you crossed a performance threshold. Therefore, we plan to conduct only baseline inspections at your facility over the next 8 months.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Cooper midcycle review. Enclosure 1 details the scheduled inspections that will occur from December 1, 1999, through July 31, 2000. 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 4 months of the inspection plan are tentative and will be revised at the end-of-cycle review meeting.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's Rules of Practice, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

If circumstances arise which cause us to change this inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at 817/860-8185 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

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1. Cooper Nuclear Station Inspection/Activity Plan
2. Plant Issues Matrix

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