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**SUBJECT: MIDCYCLE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND INSPECTION PLAN -
GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION**

Dear Mr. Williams:

On August 2, 2004, the NRC staff completed its midcycle plant performance assessment of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. The midcycle review for Grand Gulf involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance for the first half of the calendar year 2004 assessment cycle. The process included a review of performance indicators (PIs) 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 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.

This performance review and inspection plan does not include physical protection information. A separate letter designated and marked as "Exempt from Public Disclosure in Accordance with 10 CFR 2.390" will include the physical protection review and resultant inspection plan.

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, we plan to conduct only reactor oversight process (ROP) baseline inspections at your facility through March 31, 2006.

The enclosed inspection plan details the inspections, except those related to physical protection, scheduled through March 31, 2006. 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 inspections in the last 12 months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the end-of-cycle review meeting.

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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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Grand Gulf
Inspection / Activity Plan
08/01/2004 - 03/31/2006

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Type
	ALARA2 - ALARA PLANNING AND CONTROLS		1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		11/15/2004	11/19/2004	Baseline Inspections
	PEB-07B - HX & HEAT SINK PERFORMANCE TESTING		1			
1	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		12/06/2004	12/10/2004	Baseline Inspections
	PEB-52 - GG PIR INSPECTION		3			
1	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		03/07/2005	03/11/2005	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71152B	Identification and Resolution of Problems		03/21/2005	03/25/2005	Baseline Inspections
	OB-EP EX - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE		3			
1	IP 7111401	Exercise Evaluation		03/21/2005	03/25/2005	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		03/21/2005	03/25/2005	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		03/21/2005	03/25/2005	Baseline Inspections
	PEB-12B - MAINTENANCE RULE BIENNIAL		1			
1	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Effectiveness		03/28/2005	04/01/2005	Baseline Inspections
	PEB-05T - TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION		4			
1	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		04/11/2005	04/15/2005	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		05/02/2005	05/06/2005	Baseline Inspections
	OB-INIT - INITIAL EXAM		3			
1	X02285	GRAND GULF (05/05) - INITIAL EXAM		07/25/2005	07/29/2005	Not Applicable
1	X02285	GRAND GULF (05/05) - INITIAL EXAM		08/15/2005	08/19/2005	Not Applicable
	OB-RQ - REQUAL INSPECTION		1			
1	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification Program		07/25/2005	07/29/2005	Baseline Inspections
	EB02/17B - 50.59 & PERMANENT PLANT MODS		2			
1	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		08/29/2005	09/02/2005	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111117B	Permanent Plant Modifications		08/29/2005	09/02/2005	Baseline Inspections
	RP TEAM - RADIATION SAFETY TEAM INSPECTION		4			
1	IP 7112103	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation and Protective Equipment		09/12/2005	09/16/2005	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		09/12/2005	09/16/2005	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7112202	Radioactive Material Processing and Transportation		09/12/2005	09/16/2005	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		09/12/2005	09/16/2005	Baseline Inspections
	EB08B - ISI		1			
1	IP 7111108G	Inservice Inspection Activities - BWR		09/26/2005	09/30/2005	Baseline Inspections
	ACRSA - ACCESS CONTROL TO RAD SIGNIFICANT AREAS		1			
1	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		10/17/2005	10/21/2005	Baseline Inspections
	ALARA3 - ALARA PLANNING AND CONTROLS		1			
1	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		12/12/2005	12/16/2005	Baseline Inspections

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

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				Start	End	
EB - SSD&PC			10			
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		02/06/2006	02/10/2006	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		02/20/2006	02/24/2006	Baseline Inspections
OB-EP1 - EMERG PREP PROGRAM			1			
1	IP 7111402	Alert and Notification System Testing		03/20/2006	03/24/2006	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111403	Emergency Response Organization Augmentation Testing		03/20/2006	03/24/2006	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111404	Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes		03/20/2006	03/24/2006	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies		03/20/2006	03/24/2006	Baseline Inspections
1	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		03/20/2006	03/24/2006	Baseline Inspections