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May 31, 2001

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-424/2001-01 AND 50-425/2001-01)

Dear Mr. Beasley:

On April 30, 2001, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. The end-of-cycle review for Vogtle involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results for the period of April 2, 2000, to March 31, 2001. 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.

Overall, Vogtle operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Plant performance for the most recent quarter, as well as for the first three quarters of the assessment cycle, 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 baseline inspections at your facility through May 31, 2002.

The enclosed inspection plan details the scheduled inspections that will occur through May 31, 2002. This 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.

For your information, the NRC is in the process of aligning the inspection and assessment cycle with the calendar year (CY). In order to transition to a CY cycle (January 1 - December 31), the current inspection and assessment cycle will consist of only three quarters (i.e. the second, third and fourth calendar quarters of CY 2001). As a result, for this transition period, the number of inspection activities have been modified accordingly and a mid-cycle review letter and accompanying inspection plan will not be issued.

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/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If circumstances arise which cause us to change our inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at (404) 562-4520 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425
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Enclosure: Inspection Activity Plan

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Inspection / Activity Plan
06/01/2001 - 05/31/2002

Unit Number	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site	Planned Dates Start	Planned Dates End	Inspection Type
	EB-FP - FIRE PROTECTION PRE-INSPECTION VISIT		4			
1, 2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		05/29/2001	06/01/2001	Baseline Inspections
	EB-FP - FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTION		4			
1, 2	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection		06/25/2001	06/29/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		06/25/2001	06/29/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7112201	Radioactive Gaseous and Liquid Effluent Treatment and Monitoring Systems		06/25/2001	06/29/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7112203	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program		06/25/2001	06/29/2001	Baseline Inspections
	OL RQ - REQUAL INSPECTION		2			
1, 2	IP 7111111B	Licensed Operator Requalification		09/17/2001	09/21/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PS-SEC - SECURITY		1			
1, 2	IP 7113001	Access Authorization Program (Behavior Observation Only)		10/01/2001	10/05/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7113002	Access Control (Search of Personnel, Packages, and Vehicles: Identification and Authorizatio		10/01/2001	10/05/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		10/01/2001	10/05/2001	Baseline Inspections
	MB 50.59 - 50.59		1			
1, 2	IP 7111102	Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments		10/15/2001	10/19/2001	Baseline Inspections
	EB-SSDI - SSDI PRE-INSPECTION VISIT		2			
1, 2	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		11/05/2001	11/09/2001	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		11/05/2001	11/09/2001	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification		11/05/2001	11/09/2001	Baseline Inspections
	EB-SSDI - SSDI INSPECTION		6			
1, 2	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		11/26/2001	11/30/2001	Baseline Inspections
	EB SSDI - SSDI INSPECTION		6			
1, 2	IP 7111121	Safety System Design and Performance Capability		12/10/2001	12/14/2001	Baseline Inspections
	MB MR - MAINT RULE		1			
1, 2	IP 7111112B	Maintenance Rule Implementation		02/11/2002	02/14/2002	Baseline Inspections
	MB HS - HEAT SINK		1			
1, 2	IP 7111107B	Heat Sink Performance		02/25/2002	03/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112101	Access Control to Radiologically Significant Areas		02/25/2002	03/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
1, 2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		02/25/2002	03/01/2002	Baseline Inspections
	PS-RP - RADIATION PROTECTION		1			
1, 2	IP 7112102	ALARA Planning and Controls		03/18/2002	03/22/2002	Baseline Inspections
	PS-SEC - SECURITY		2			
1, 2	IP 7113003	Response to Contingency Events (Protective Strategy and Implementation of Protective Strategie		04/08/2002	04/12/2002	Baseline Inspections

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