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SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK - NOTIFICATION OF CONDUCT OF A BIENNIAL PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION BASELINE INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Pardee:

The purpose of this letter is to provide details regarding the schedule and information needed to support the conduct of a biennial problem identification and resolution (PI&R) baseline inspection at Oyster Creek (OC) in July and August 2008. You were previously notified of this team inspection in our letter to you (ML080610008) dated March 3, 2008, which transmitted our inspection plan for calendar year 2008. The inspection will be conducted by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region I staff. The inspection team will be led by G. Scott Barber, senior project engineer in NRC Region I. The inspection will be conducted in accordance with Inspection Procedure 71152, the NRC's baseline inspection procedure for the identification and resolution of problems.

The current schedule for the inspection is as follows:

- Information gathering visit – during the week of June 16, 2008; and,
- Weeks of onsite inspection – July 21-25 and August 4-8, 2008.

The purposes of the information gathering visit are to obtain information and documentation needed to support the inspection, to gain some initial familiarity the OC corrective action program, as well as learning about your plant organization, plant layout, independent oversight programs and employee concerns program. Enclosure 1 specifies a list of resources and materials that are required to support the onsite inspection. We request that the information listed in Enclosure 1 be gathered to support the team leader's visit during the week of June 16, 2008. The team leader will contact your staff to discuss the details of the information, documentation and resources requested in Enclosure 1, and to work with your staff in this regard.

During the information gathering visit, we request that you ensure that the information requested in Enclosure 1 be available for review. The team leader will review the requested information while on site and much of this information will be used in the NRC Region I offices for additional inspection team preparation. During the visit, the team leader may also identify additional

information that will be required on the first day of the teams' onsite inspection. This visit will also be used as an opportunity to discuss the following inspection support administrative details: office space size and location; specific documents requested to be made available to the team in their office spaces; arrangements for reactor site access (including radiation protection training, security, safety and fitness-for-duty requirements); and the availability of knowledgeable plant and licensing organization personnel to serve as points of contact during the inspection.

We request that during the onsite inspection week you ensure that copies of documentation and records regarding the implementation of the OC corrective action program, be readily accessible to the team for their review. Also of interest are those documents associated with the implementation of your learning programs (e.g., self-assessments and operating experience) and independent oversight program (e.g., audits and assessments) which demonstrate that you are detecting and correcting problems in a manner that ensures nuclear safety is a top priority and limits the risk to members of the public. Also, personnel should be available at the site during the inspection who are knowledgeable of your PI&R processes, learning programs and independent oversight processes and their implementation.

Your cooperation and support during this inspection is appreciated. If you have questions concerning this inspection, or the inspection team's information or logistical needs, please contact G. Scott Barber, the team leader, at 610-337-5232.

Sincerely,

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Mel Gray, Chief
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Enclosure 1: Problem Identification and Resolution Inspection Supporting Documentation

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Problem Identification and Resolution Inspection Supporting Documentation

General:

1. Organization charts and phone list (available for review and use)
2. List of system numbers/designations, risk-ranking of systems and a list of System Engineers(available for review and use)
3. Access to a set of system prints (P&IDs)
4. Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) and Technical Specifications (TS)/Technical Requirements Manual (TRM), including the bases (electronic prior to the inspection and one hard copy (controlled) for review during the inspection)
5. Copy of the Quality Assurance Manual (electronic prior to the inspection and one hard copy for review during the inspection)
6. Schedule of the date/time/location of all meetings associated with the implementation of the corrective action program, such as, Station Ownership Committee (SOC), Management Review Committee (MRC), Corrective Action Review Board (CARB), etc.
7. During the inspection, please provide access to the site network, CAP Webpage, passport, and PIMS

Corrective Actions:

8. Copy of procedures related to the identification and resolution of problems - initiation, evaluation, correction: including cause evaluations, trending, self-assessments, audits, operability determinations, work requests, engineering requests, fix-it-now, operating experience, etc. (electronic prior to the inspection and one hard copy for review during the inspection)
9. List of all deficiency documents (Passport (IRs) PIMS (ARs), etc.) initiated **since** May 1, 2006, (last PI&R inspection) - in electronic spreadsheet format if possible - include date initiated, date due or closed, significance level, status, title/short description, department, and, if possible, the number of due date extensions.
10. Separate list of all corrective action documents (Passport (IRs) PIMS (ARs), etc.) initiated **before** May 1, 2006, (last PI&R inspection) and that remain open - in electronic spreadsheet format if possible - include date initiated, date due, significance level, status, title/short description, department, and, if possible, the number of due date extensions.
11. Matrix of the total number of IRs generated annually (all of 2006 & 2007, 2008 to date) and by department,
- *13. For all non-cited violations (NCV's) and findings (FIN's) issued since the last PI&R inspection (including the PI&R) - hard copy of the associated CR including closeout documentation for each NCV/FIN.
- *14. For all LERs submitted **since** May 1, 2006, (last PI&R inspection), - hard copy of the associated CR.
15. List of open temporary modifications, operability determinations, control room deficiencies and operator workarounds\challenges with corresponding CAP and Work Order numbers.

16. List of rework and repeat maintenance items and maintenance metrics including the backlog of corrective and elective maintenance issues.
17. List of all Maintenance Rule systems that indicates high risk systems, system color and whether the system is in (a)(1). If possible, indicate the trends since the last PIR inspection.

Operating Experience:

- *18. List of Operating Experience reviews, NRC IN's / GL's / Bulletin's / Part 21's since last PI&R.
- *19. List of Industry Operating Experience issues (NSSS vendor reports, EPRI Reports, experience reports from similar facilities) entered into the Corrective Action Program for review
20. Identify any problems or issues identified as a result of these OE reviews.

Audits and Assessments:

21. Copy of all QA reviews (audits, assessments, etc.) and self-assessments of the corrective action program performed **since** May 1, 2006, (last PI&R inspection)
22. List of all QA audits, self-assessments and safety culture reviews since last PI&R.
- *23. List of licensee identified issues (CRs\IRs) identified as a result of the audits and assessments.
24. Copy of the CAP trend reports and CAP performance indicators used by management issued **since** May 1, 2006, (last PI&R inspection).
25. A list of IRs generated as a result of identified trends (either by station or department) initiated **since** May 1, 2006, (last PI&R inspection). Include a brief description of the trend, how identified (internal or external), when it was identified and whether the CR is open or closed.
- *26. List of specific or cross-cutting issues identified by safety review committees (PORC, NSRB, etc.) or other management oversight mechanisms. Indicate whether these items are being tracked in the CAP (IR\CR#) or another means.

Safety Conscious Work Environment and ECP:

27. Procedures related to the Employee Concerns Program (ECP) (electronic prior to the inspection and one hard copy for review during the inspection)
28. Access to a list of all ECP cases and contacts initiated **since** March 1, 2006, (last PI&R inspection). [Will be reviewed onsite to maintain confidentiality] A list of any IRs\CRs generated as a result of these reviews.
29. List of all safety culture reviews (audits, assessments, surveys, trend review, etc.) initiated **since** May 1, 2006, (last PI&R inspection) and a list of any IRs\CRs generated as a result of these reviews.