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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FOR CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION
UNITS 1 AND 2 (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000413/2012001 AND
05000414/2012001)**

Dear Mr. Henderson:

On February 12, 2013, the NRC completed its end-of-cycle performance review of Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2. The NRC reviewed the most recent quarterly performance indicators (PIs) in addition to inspection results and enforcement actions from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. This letter informs you of the NRC's assessment of your facility during this period and its plans for future inspections at your facility.

The NRC determined that overall, Catawba Units 1 and 2 operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and met all cornerstone objectives. The NRC determined the performance at Catawba Unit 1 during the most recent quarter was within the Regulatory Response Column of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix because of a White finding which originated in the 2nd quarter of 2012. This finding was related to an inoperable offsite power supply to Unit 1. This was different from the 2nd and 3rd quarter 2012 because the final significance determination letter was issued on October 11, 2012. Plant performance at Catawba Unit 2 during the most recent quarter was within the Licensee Response Column because all Unit 2 inspection findings had very low (i.e., Green) safety significance and all PIs for both units indicated performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green).

On February 25, 2013, your staff notified the NRC of your readiness for a supplemental inspection to review your actions to address the Unit 1 White finding. Therefore, in addition to ROP baseline inspections, the NRC plans to conduct a supplemental inspection in accordance with Inspection Procedure 95001, Supplemental Inspection for One or Two White Inputs in a Strategic Performance Area. The objective of this supplemental inspection is to ensure that the root and contributing causes have been identified and appropriate corrective actions to prevent recurrence are either planned or taken.

The enclosed inspection plan lists the inspections scheduled through June 30, 2014. Routine inspections performed by resident inspectors are not included in the inspection plan. We will also be performing an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Initial Campaign inspection; Temporary Instruction 182, Review of the Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping; and reactor operator licensing examinations. The inspections listed during the last nine months of the inspection plan are tentative and may be revised at the mid-cycle performance review. The NRC provides the inspection plan to allow for the resolution of any scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues. The NRC will contact you as soon as possible to discuss changes to the inspection plan should circumstances warrant any changes. This inspection plan does not include security related inspections, which will be sent via separate, non-publicly available correspondence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be 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/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Please contact Jonathan Bartley at (404) 997-4607 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Docket Nos.: 50-413, 50-414
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Enclosure: Catawba Nuclear Station Inspection/
Activity Plan (03/01/2013 – 06/30/2014)

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Inspection / Activity Plan
 03/01/2013 - 06/30/2014

Unit Number	Planned Dates Start End	Inspection Activity	Title	No. of Staff on Site
1	03/18/2013 03/21/2013	PB1-SUPP - 95001 IP 95001	SUPPLEMENTAL FOR WHITE FINDING Supplemental Inspection for One or Two White Inputs in a Strategic Performance Area	1
1,2	03/11/2013 03/15/2013	EP IP 7111402	- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INSPECTION Alert and Notification System Testing	3
1,2	03/11/2013 03/15/2013	IP 7111403	Emergency Preparedness Organization Staffing and Augmentation System	
1,2	03/11/2013 03/15/2013	IP 7111405	Correction of Emergency Preparedness Weaknesses and Deficiencies	
1,2	03/11/2013 03/15/2013	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1,2	04/01/2013 04/05/2013	TI-182 IP 2515/182	BURIED PIPING/TANK - PHASE 1 Review of the Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping	1
1,2	04/22/2013 04/26/2013	TFPI IP 7111105T	- TRIENNIAL FIRE PROTECTION INSP Fire Protection [Triennial]	5
1,2	05/06/2013 05/10/2013	IP 7111105T	Fire Protection [Triennial]	
1,2	04/28/2013 05/03/2013	ISFSI IP 60855.1	- ISFSI MAGNASTOR INITIAL LOADING Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Operating Plants	2
1	08/19/2013 08/23/2013	OL EXAM V23405	- INITIAL EXAM PREP CATAWBA/SEPTEMBER 2013 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	2
1	09/16/2013 09/20/2013	OL EXAM V23405	- INITIAL EXAM WEEK 1 CATAWBA/SEPTEMBER 2013 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	2
2	09/23/2013 09/27/2013	ISI IP 7111108P	- UNIT 2 INSERVICE INSPECTION Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	1
1,2	09/23/2013 09/27/2013	RP IP 71124.01	- RAD HAZARD ANALYSIS AND TRANSPORTATION Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	2
1,2	09/23/2013 09/27/2013	IP 71124.08	Radioactive Solid Waste Processing and Radioactive Material Handling, Storage, and Transportation	
1	09/23/2013 09/27/2013	OL EXAM V23405	- INITIAL EXAM WEEK 2 CATAWBA/SEPTEMBER 2013 EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	2
1,2	11/12/2013 11/14/2013	TI-182 IP 2515/182	BURIED PIPING/TANK - PHASE 2 Review of the Implementation of the Industry Initiative to Control Degradation of Underground Piping	1
1,2	03/17/2014 03/21/2014	EP IP 7111401	- EP EXERCISE Exercise Evaluation	1
1,2	03/17/2014 03/21/2014	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1,2	02/10/2014 02/14/2014	MODS IP 7111117T	- PLANT MODIFICATION INSPECTION Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	3
1,2	02/24/2014 02/28/2014	IP 7111117T	Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications	

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1	04/14/2014 04/18/2014	OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM PREP V23422	CATAWBA/MAY 2014 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	3
1	05/12/2014 05/16/2014	ISI - UNIT 1 IN-SERVICE INSPECTION IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	1
1	05/12/2014 05/16/2014	OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM WEEK 1 V23422	CATAWBA/MAY 2014 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	3
1, 2	05/19/2014 05/23/2014	RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL BASELINE IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	3
1, 2	05/19/2014 05/23/2014	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1, 2	05/19/2014 05/23/2014	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2	05/19/2014 05/23/2014	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2	05/19/2014 05/23/2014	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2	05/19/2014 05/23/2014	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	
1	05/19/2014 05/23/2014	SGISI - UNIT 1 SG IN-SERVICE INSPECTION IP 7111108P	Inservice Inspection Activities - PWR	1
1	05/19/2014 05/23/2014	OL EXAM - INITIAL LICENSE EXAM WEEK 2 V23422	CATAWBA/MAY 2014 INITIAL EXAM AT POWER FACILITIES	3
1, 2	06/02/2014 06/06/2014	RP - RP OCCUPATIONAL BASELINE WEEK2 IP 71124.01	Radiological Hazard Assessment and Exposure Controls	2
1, 2	06/02/2014 06/06/2014	IP 71124.02	Occupational ALARA Planning and Controls	
1, 2	06/02/2014 06/06/2014	IP 71124.03	In-Plant Airborne Radioactivity Control and Mitigation	
1, 2	06/02/2014 06/06/2014	IP 71124.04	Occupational Dose Assessment	
1, 2	06/02/2014 06/06/2014	IP 71124.05	Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation	
1, 2	06/02/2014 06/06/2014	IP 71151	Performance Indicator Verification	

Comments:

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