

August 21, 2007

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT AND CONDUCT SCOPING PROCESS FOR LICENSE
RENEWAL FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT,
UNITS 1 AND 2

Dear Mr. Tynan:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) has received your application dated June 27, 2007, for the renewal of Operating License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81 for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP), Units 1 and 2, respectively. A Notice of Acceptance for Docketing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing were published in the Federal Register on August 21, 2007 (72 FR 46680). In support of the application and in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51 and 10 CFR Part 54, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted an environmental report (ER). This letter provides information related to the staff's review of the VEGP, Units 1 and 2, ER.

The NRC has prepared a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process, advising the public that the NRC intends to gather information necessary to prepare a plant-specific supplement to the Commission's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (NUREG-1437), related to the review of the VEGP, Units 1 and 2, license renewal application. Enclosed is a copy of the NOI, which has been forwarded to the Office of the *Federal Register* for publication.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.28, SNC is invited to participate in the environmental scoping process. As discussed in the enclosed notice, the NRC staff is providing the public with the opportunity to participate in two environmental scoping meetings to be held on Thursday September 27, 2007. The meetings will be held at the Augusta Technical College, Waynesboro Campus Auditorium, 216 Highway 24 South, Waynesboro, Georgia 30830. The first session will be held in the afternoon, and the second session, covering the same subjects, will be held in the evening. The NRC staff will present an overview of the environmental review process and will describe how the process will be implemented for the review of the VEGP, Units 1 and 2, license renewal application. SNC is invited to participate in both sessions of the meeting.

A separate NRC meeting notice with a more detailed agenda is forthcoming. You will be provided a copy of that notice.

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In the interim, should you have any questions regarding the scoping meeting, please contact the NRC's Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Justin P. Leous, at 301-415-2864 or via e-mail at JPL1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425

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