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SUBJECT: REVISION TO THE VOGTLE EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW
SCHEDULE TO INCORPORATE A LIMITED WORK AUTHORIZATION
REQUEST-2 REVIEW PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING
COMPANY

Dear Mr. Miller:

By letter dated August 15, 2007, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a supplement to the Vogtle Early Site Permit (ESP) application expanding the scope of the application to include a request for approval to perform selected construction activities, generally labeled limited work authorization-2 (LWA-2) activities, as described in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 50.10(e)(3). Specifically SNC has requested approval to conduct LWA-2 activities such as placement of engineered backfill, preparation of the Nuclear Island foundation base slab forms and reinforcing steel. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff also notes that SNC plans to revise the early site permit (ESP) application to conform to the pending revisions to the NRC's regulations governing LWA once they have become final and effective.

This letter is to inform you that this request is going to require additional review time beyond what the NRC staff had originally scheduled for the review of the Vogtle ESP application. It is the NRC staff's intent to review the supplement and fold its results into the final safety evaluation report (FSER). Due to the ongoing Vogtle ESP review, and in the interest of completing the review of the LWA-2 request with minimal impacts to the overall ESP schedule, the NRC staff has built into the schedule two opportunities to request additional information. With this change, the NRC staff plans to issue the FSER on August 6, 2008. To support this review schedule, the NRC staff expects the submission of timely and quality responses to our requests for additional information from SNC.

J. A. Miller

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Attached to this letter you will find a revised ESP review schedule that incorporates the review of your LWA-2 supplement. If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, you may contact Christian Araguas, the NRC safety review project manager, at 301-415-3637, or Mark Notich, the NRC environmental review project manager, at 301-415-3053.

Sincerely,

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**Review Schedule for the Limited Work Authorization 2 Request (LWA-2)
Associated with the Vogtle ESP Application**

Milestone	Target Date
Receipt of LWA Supplemental	8/16/2007
Issue Applicant Letter with Review Schedule	9/14/2007
Issue 1 st Round Safety RAs to Applicant	10/26/2007
Applicant Responds to 1 st Round Safety RAs	11/26/2007
Issue 2 nd Round Safety RAs to Applicant	1/9/2008
Applicant Responds to 2 nd Round Safety RAs	2/11/2008

**Review Schedule for the Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Early Site Permit (ESP) Application for the Vogtle ESP Site**

Milestone	Original Date	New Date
Receive Early Site Permit Application	8/15/2006	N/A
Press Release Announcing Receipt & Availability	8/15/2006	N/A
Federal Register Notice (FRN) Published for Receipt and Availability	8/29/2006	N/A
Issue Applicant Letter of Acceptance of the Application for Docketing	9/19/2006	N/A
Press Release Announcing Notice of Acceptance for Docketing	9/19/2006	N/A
FRN Published Announcing Acceptance & Docketing	9/26/2006	N/A
FRN Published for Notice of Intent (Environmental Scoping Process)	10/5/2006	N/A
FRN Published for Notice of Hearing	10/12/2006	N/A
Press Release Announcing Notice of Hearing	10/6/2006	N/A
Inspection of Quality Assurance Program Implementation Complete	10/5/2006	N/A
Environmental Site Audit	10/17/2006	N/A
Environmental Scoping Meeting	10/19/2006	N/A
Deadline for Filing Petitions for Intervention & Contentions	12/11/2006	N/A
Scoping Period Ends	12/4/2006	N/A
Environmental Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) Issued to Applicant	12/29/2006	N/A
Applicant Submits Responses to Environmental RAs	1/30/2006	N/A
Safety and Emergency Planning RAs Issued to Applicant	3/15/2007	N/A
Applicant Responds to Safety and Emergency Planning RAs	4/16/2007	N/A

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Safety Evaluation Report (SER) Issued w/OI	8/30/2007	N/A
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Notice of Availability	9/14/2007	N/A
Public Meeting to Discuss Draft EIS	10/4/2007	N/A
Applicant Submits Responses to SER Open Items	10/15/2007	N/A
Initial ACRS Subcommittee Meeting on SER W/OI	10/24/2007	N/A
Initial ACRS Full Committee Meeting on SER W/OI	11/1/2007	N/A
ACRS Interim Letter to Commission	11/2007	N/A
End of Draft EIS Comment Period	11/28/2007	N/A
Post Final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER) on NRC Public Website	2/22/2008	6/2/2008
Final ACRS Full Committee Meeting on FSER	3/2008	6/2008
ACRS Final Letter Report to the Commission	4/2008	7/2008
Final EIS Issued	7/3/2008	N/A
Final SER Issued	5/20/2008	8/6/2008

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