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MEMORANDUM TO: Mark Tonacci, Chief
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR
OPERATING COMPANY TO DISCUSS LICENSING ACTIONS
RELATED TO VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3
AND 4 ON JUNE 27, 2012

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting on June 27, 2012, at NRC's Rockville Office located in Rockville, Maryland. The NRC's Office of New Reactors (NRO) staff met with Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) to discuss the proposed alternative for the reactor vessel flow skirt installation. Specifically, SNC presented its plan for the submittal of the alternative. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a)a)(3)(ii), SNC will be seeking NRC authorization to use an alternative to the requirements of the 1998 Edition, 2000 Addenda of ASME B&PV Code (the Code), Section III, Sub-sub-paragraph NB-1132.2(d) with regard to the jurisdictional boundary of the reactor vessel flow skirt (RVFS) weld. SNC will be requesting NRC to approve this request by September 7, 2012.

Enclosed are the meeting Agenda (Enclosure 1), the meeting attendees list (Enclosure 2), the technical presentation slides (Enclosure 3). Enclosure 3 can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS Accession No. ML12179A451).

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The purpose of this meeting was for SNC to present and discuss in detail the alternative to the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) code with regard to the jurisdictional boundary of the RVFS weld. SNC discussed the contents of its pre-submittal and provided a detailed discussion on:

- Basis for Request for Alternative
- Component/Item Classification
- RVFS Attachment Weld Jurisdictional Boundary
- Hardship with Current Jurisdictional Boundary
- Proposed Alternative

SNC also stated that the jurisdictional boundary for the welds be changed so that the welds can be made after the N-stamp is applied. This will allow the welds to be made at the Vogtle site instead of at the fabricator's shop in Korea.

The NRC staff raised a number of questions for clarification throughout the presentation on the alternative. SNC stated that it will be addressing the NRC's questions in its submittal and expects to submit the request in the next few days.

Docket Nos: 052-025
052-026

Enclosures:

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2. Meeting Attendees List
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AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING
UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)
and
Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC)

June 27, 2012

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: To discuss the licensing action (Proposed Alternative VEGP 3 & 4 Flow Skirt to Reactor Vessel Weld Code Jurisdictional Boundary) for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4.

Time	Topic	Led By
1:00 p.m. -1:05 p.m.	Opening remarks	NRC
1:05 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.	Discussion of Issues	SNC/NRC
3:50 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Conclusions/Document actions	NRC
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

Enclosure 1

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC)
Public Meeting
June 27, 2012
List of Attendees**

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