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August 24, 2015

Mr. C. R. Pierce
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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2 – REQUEST
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST
(TAC NOS. MF6213 AND MF6214)

Dear Mr. Pierce:

By letter dated May 12, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15132A662), Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC, licensee), submitted a license amendment request for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1 and Unit 2, that proposes to adopt Technical Specification Task Force Traveler (TSTF) 523, Revision 2, "Generic Letter 2008-01, Managing Gas Accumulation."

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has determined that a request for additional information (RAI) is needed to continue the review as discussed in the Enclosure. We request that SNC respond to this RAI within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. Please note that the NRC staff's review is continuing and further requests for information may be developed.

Sincerely,


Bob Martin, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch II-1
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425

Enclosure:
Request for Additional Information

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

ADOPT TSTF- 523, REVISION 2

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 1

DOCKET NOS. 50-524 AND 50-425

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RAI No. 1

SNC stated in its May 12, 2015, application that the proposed amendment was consistent with TSTF-523, Revision 2. In Enclosure 1 of the submittal, Surveillance Requirement 3.9.6.2 uses the phrase "Verify required [residual heat removal] RHR loop locations..." versus the approved TSTF wording, "Verify RHR loop locations...." The wording in the submittal is inconsistent with TSTF-523 and Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.9.6, which specifies that two RHR loops shall be OPERABLE.

Revise the submittal to use the wording that is consistent with the approved TSTF-523 and LCO 3.9.6 or provide a technical justification for the deviation.

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