

March 22, 2016

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST (PAR 15-020), "USE OF LOCALIZED SHORING FOR COMPOSITE FLOORS AND ROOF IN THE AUXILIARY BUILDING" FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 (CAC RP9519)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated February 12, 2016, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 15-020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML16043A447) notifying the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that absent NRC objection, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of License Amendment Request (LAR) 15-020 as supplemented on February 12, 2016 (ADAMS Accession Number ML15320A464 and ML16043A455), SNC will proceed with construction of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 departing from Tier 2* information in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) related to the construction methods used for the composite floors and roof of the auxiliary building to minimize potential construction delays for Unit 3 during the NRC's evaluation of the related LAR 15-020.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1) the NRC has received LAR 15-020, as supplemented, and referenced in PAR 15-020. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 15-020 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 15-020 for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML16013A168).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 15-020 contained sufficient information on the impact of the proposed plant change on associated Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria. In addition, the NRC staff reviewed the scope of PAR 15-020 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 15-020, as supplemented. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant change identified in PAR 15-020, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 15-020, as supplemented. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 15-020 is denied, SNC will return the plant to its current licensing basis as required by License Condition 2.D.(1)(b).

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the Project Manager, Jordan Hoellman, at 301-415-5481 or via e-mail at Jordan.Hoellman2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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