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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR  
OPERATING COMPANY AND SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS  
ON APRIL 7, 2016

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 2 public meeting with Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) and South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) on April 7, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues associated with the safety review of licensing actions for SNC's Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, and SCE&G's Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3.

The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under accession number ML16095A155. The meeting notice is also posted on the NRC public website. Enclosures 1 and 2 are the meeting agenda and attendance list for the meeting, respectively. The other documents referenced during the discussion can be found at the ADAMS Accession Numbers given below:

- SNC draft Exemption Request: Operating  
Test Plant Walk-Through – ML16097A165
- Summary of Open Items on Operating  
Licensing – Talking Points – ML16097A304
- NRC staff questions related to Vogtle Exemption  
for Job Performance Measures (JPMs) – ML16097A240
- Qualitative impact assessment on the Vogtle  
global seismic model due to proposed changes  
to Wall N (SNC LAR 16-003) – ML16098A314

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Summary of Meeting:

On April 7, 2016, staff from the NRC conducted a public meeting with representatives from SNC and SCE&G to discuss issues associated with the safety review of licensing actions for SNC's VEGP Units 3 and 4, and SCE&G's VCSNS Units 2 and 3. Specifically, the meeting discussed (1) SNC's draft exemption request on Operating Test Plant Walk-Through and (2) wall tolerances associated with the N-line wall at Vogtle.

The first topic discussed was SNC's draft exemption request on Operating Test Plant Walk-Through. The NRC staff reinforced their endorsement of Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 06-13A, "Template for an Industry Training Program Description" that allows for completion of training/experience requirements after the exam but before licenses are issued. The staff noted that they will evaluate cold license waiver requests using the guidance of NEI 06-13A, which is incorporated in the VEGP Units 3 and 4 and VCSNS Units 2 and 3 licensing basis. SNC and the staff discussed three of the five open items currently under consideration from the "Summary of Open Items on Operating Licensing – Talking Points" handout and how they apply to the candidates scheduled to take the NRC exam on May 2, 2016. The staff noted that, for Items 1 and 4, additional internal discussion is needed and that the staff would be prepared to discuss those topics at a future public meeting. The staff and SNC agreed that requirement of 1040 hours of practical experience (Item 2) could be deferred until after the exam. Additionally, the staff indicated that the licensee should provide the number of hours that require deferral. The staff and SNC agreed that significant control manipulations (Item 5) could be deferred until after the exam if completed within 30 days. The staff provided comments on SNC's draft exemption request (see "NRC staff questions related to Vogtle Exemption for JPMs" handout), related to Item 3, and asked SNC if they had any questions about the comments. SNC stated that they understood the staff's comments and would address them appropriately in the exemption request submittal. SNC noted that they plan to submit the exemption request for staff review, and a future public interaction will be scheduled to discuss the remaining open items.

The second topic discussed the wall tolerances associated with the N-line wall at Vogtle. SNC, through their vendor, Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC), provided a qualitative assessment of the proposed changes to the N-line wall thickness and its impact to the seismic analysis or the design response spectra. The staff asked SNC and WEC to describe the changes in rebar between the subgrade wall and the above grade wall where this wall tolerance change is proposed. The staff also asked how the dead load from this increased tolerance affects the subgrade wall. SNC and WEC noted that they would respond to the staff's concerns. The staff stated that they would review the proposed changes and provide feedback about the impact to the Vogtle site specific nuclear island seismic analysis at a future public meeting.

At the end of the meeting, there was an opportunity for the public to provide comments and ask questions. All comments and questions were addressed before ending the meeting.

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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)**

**Thursday, April 7, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**PURPOSE:** To discuss issues associated with the safety review of licensing actions for Southern Nuclear Operating Company's (SNC) Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, and South Carolina Electric & Gas' (SCE&G) Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3.

**OPEN**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led By</u>
9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks	NRC
9:05 a.m.	<u>First Topic:</u>	
	Discussion on SNC Draft Exemption: Operating Test Plant Walk-through	NRC/SNC/SCE&G
9:45 a.m.	Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC / NRC
9:55 a.m.	<u>Second Topic:</u>	
	Discussion on Vogtle N-line wall tolerances	NRC/SNC/WEC
10:25 a.m.	Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC / NRC
	Conclusion/Document Actions Meeting Concludes	NRC
10:30 a.m.	Adjourn	

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

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