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MEMORANDUM TO: Victor E. Hall, Chief
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Jennivine Rankin, Project Manager /RA/
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR
OPERATING COMPANY ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 1 public meeting with Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) on February 6, 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss SNC's method of closure for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) No. 670.

The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML20010E790. The slides provided by SNC can be found under ADAMS Accession No. ML20036F155. 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.

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Summary of Meeting:

On February 6, 2020, staff from the NRC conducted a public meeting with representatives from SNC to discuss the method for closure of VEGP Unit 3 ITAAC Index No. 670. SNC explained the VEGP Unit 3 vital areas, ITAAC Index No. 670 acceptance criteria, and that SNC will apply the ITAAC acceptance criteria to the VEGP Unit 3 vital area boundaries. SNC explained that access portals and emergency exits from the vital area boundaries for the power block and vital areas located outside the power block will be locked, alarmed, and equipped with crash bars to allow for emergency egress. However, for those vital areas enveloped within the power block, SNC explained the access portals and emergency exits would be satisfied by the regulatory requirements in §73.55(e)(9)(ii). In addition, the vital areas internal to the power block will not be included as part of the ITAAC Completion Notice.

The NRC requested clarification that all access portals and emergency exits for vital areas within the power block would have intrusion detection equipment. SNC confirmed that access portals and emergency exit for all vital areas within the power block will have intrusion detection equipment.

The NRC staff also requested clarification if any other vital areas would be subject to ITAAC Index No. 670 design verification. SNC confirmed that any vital areas outside of the power block will meet ITAAC Index No. 670 acceptance criteria.

The NRC staff agrees that the use of a crash bar or an equivalent means to satisfy the regulatory requirements in §73.55(e)(9)(ii) does not impact the closure of ITAAC Index No. 670.

Additionally, the NRC staff informed SNC of a potential minor discrepancy with the VEGP Unit 4 closure document for ITAAC Index No. 550. The NRC staff notes subsequent to the public meeting, SNC has formulated and implemented actions to resolve the discrepancy.

At the conclusion of the presentation, there was an opportunity for the public to provide comments and ask questions. There were no comments or questions from the public.

Docket Nos.: 52-025
52-026

Enclosure:
As stated

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ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020 DATED: February 27, 2020

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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)
Thursday, February 6, 2020
Teleconference
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.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.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led By</u>
9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks	NRC
9:10 a.m.	Discussion of Identified Topics	NRC/SNC
	Opportunity for Public Comment	NRC/Public
	Open Portion Concludes	

<u>CLOSED</u>	(If needed)	NRC/SNC
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

PUBLIC MEETING
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Thursday, February 6, 2020
One White Flint North, Room O-11B4
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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