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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Unit 3
Request for Alternative: Alternative Requirements for ASME Section III Remediation of
Containment Vessel Unistrut Welding (VEGP 3-ALT-16)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(z)(1), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC), the licensee for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, requests NRC authorization to use an alternative to the requirements of Section III, NCA-3131, NE-4411, NE-4435(a)(1), NE-4435(a)(4) and NE-4610 of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code, 2001 Edition through 2002 Addenda for VEGP Unit 3. The proposed request for alternative is applicable to activities related to the Containment Vessel (CV) ASME N-Certificate Holder's execution of a remediation plan before the 10 CFR 52.103(g) finding, with residual weld material remaining in place for the life of the plant. The details of the 10 CFR 50.55a(z)(1) request are contained in the enclosure to this letter. Approval is requested by July 30, 2021, to support completion of the Containment System (CNS) ASME Code Section III Compliance ITAAC (ITAAC 91).

During NRC public teleconference calls on April 22, April 29, and May 27, 2021, SNC presented drafts of the alternative request and received feedback from the NRC in preparation for the final submittal of this letter and its enclosures.

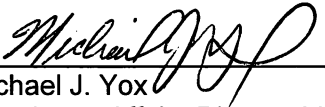
Enclosure 1 provides the proposed alternative VEGP 3-ALT-16 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(z)(1).

Enclosure 2 provides the Procedure Qualification Record No. 14162 performed by CB&I.

Enclosure 3 provides the Procedure Qualification Record No. 14163 performed by CB&I.

This letter contains no regulatory commitments. This letter has been reviewed and confirmed to not contain security-related or proprietary information. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steven Leighty at (706) 848-6790.

Respectfully submitted,


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- 2) Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 – CB&I Procedure Qualification Record 14162
- 3) Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 – CB&I Procedure Qualification Record 14163

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