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SUBJECT: EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT — OPERATION OF AN INDEPENDENT
SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION REPORT 07200036/2021001

Dear Ms. Gayheart:

On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant and discussed the results of this inspection with you and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

No findings or violations of more than minor significance were identified during this inspection.

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Sincerely,

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Binoy B. Desai, Chief
Engineering Branch 3
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 07200036

Enclosure:
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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Inspection Report

Docket Number: 07200036

License Number: DPR-57 and NPF-5

Report Number: 07200036/2021001

Enterprise Identifier: I-2021-001-0153

Licensee: Southern Nuclear Operating Co. Inc.

Facility: Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant

Location: Baxley, GA 31513

Inspection Dates: May 3, 2021 to May 10, 2021

Inspectors: P. Cooper, Senior Reactor Inspector
M. Learn, Transportation and Storage Inspector

Approved By: Binoy B. Desai, Chief
Engineering Branch 3
Division of Reactor Safety

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SUMMARY

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) continued monitoring the licensee's performance by conducting inspections of activities related to Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant operational activities of dry cask storage of spent fuel from May 3, 2021 to May 10, 2021. The NRC's program for overseeing the safe operation of dry storage of spent fuel at an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations (ISFSI) is described in Inspection Manual Chapter 2690, "Inspection Program for Dry Storage of Spent Reactor Fuel at Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations and for 10 CFR Part 71 Transportation Packagings."

List of Findings and Violations

No findings or violations of more than minor significance were identified.

Additional Tracking Items

None.

INSPECTION SCOPES

Inspections were conducted using the appropriate portions of the inspection procedures (IPs) in effect at the beginning of the inspection unless otherwise noted. Currently approved IPs with their attached revision histories are located on the public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/insp-manual/inspection-procedure/index.html>. Samples were declared complete when the IP requirements most appropriate to the inspection activity were met consistent with Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2690, "Inspection Program for Storage of Spent Reactor Fuel and Reactor-Related Greater-than-Class C Waste at Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations (ISFSI) and for 10 CFR Part 71 Transportation Packaging's."

60855 – OPERATION OF AN INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION

Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (1 Sample)

From May 3 through 10, 2021, the inspectors performed a review of the licensee's ISFSI activities to verify compliance with regulatory requirements. During the on-site inspection, the inspectors observed and reviewed licensee activities in each of the five safety focus areas including occupational exposure, public exposure, fuel damage, confinement, and impact to plant operations.

The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel to assess licensee performance and compliance with Commission rules and regulations, license conditions, site procedures, and standards. Additionally, the inspectors performed independent walkdowns of the heavy load lifting equipment and the ISFSI haul path. The inspector also performed an independent radiation survey of the ISFSI pad.

INSPECTION RESULTS

No findings were identified.

EXIT MEETINGS AND DEBRIEFS

The inspectors verified no proprietary information was retained or documented in this report.

On May 10, 2021, the inspectors presented the results to Sonny Dean, Site Vice President and other members of the licensee staff.