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Subject: FW: Request that Vogtle construction schedules be immediately released by NRC to the public, Feb. 22 request by SRS Watch, Columbia, SC

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Subject: [External_Sender] Request that Vogtle construction schedules be immediately released by NRC to the public, Feb. 22 request by SRS Watch, Columbia, SC

Hello Ms. Veil & Mr. Davis,

I hereby formally request that the schedules withheld from the public in the Southern Nuclear letter to the NRC of February 11, 2022 be immediately released for public review. There is simply no reason that the request by Southern Nuclear to withhold that information be honored.

The letter, posted in ADAMS on February 22, 2022, indicates that Southern Nuclear wants the following items withheld from public review:

1. COL Operational Programs and Other License Conditions Implementation Schedule {Withhold from Public Disclosure}
2. Preoperational Test Procedure Completion Schedule (Withhold from Public Disclosure)
3. Unit 3 ITAAC Closure Schedule (Withhold from Public Disclosure)
4. Unit 4 ITAAC Closure Schedule (Withhold from Public Disclosure)

The letter containing the above-listed items was posted in ADAMS on February 22, 2022:

Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4, Combined License (COL) Operational Programs and Other License Conditions Implementation Schedule, and the Completion Schedule for Inspections, Tests, and Analyses (ITA), is linked here:

<https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML22042A420>

Given the continued, chronic cost overruns and schedule delays with the Vogtle construction project, it is imperative that the public be informed of the status of ITAAC completion and the overall schedules for testing, fuel loading and operation. To not release this vital information to the public smacks of collusion by the NRC in continued delays and problems with the project.

I note that SNC characterizes the schedule information as “dynamic in nature,” an understatement underscoring that each subsequent iteration of the schedules must be released so that the public can track future delays or progress with the troubled project. The NRC must direct SNC that release of the withheld information is mandatory going forward. Past NRC failure to direct mandatory release of the schedules has meant that schedule delays, and thus cost overruns, have been hidden from the public.

Given the failure of the only other AP1000 reactor project in the US, the V.C. Summer project in South Carolina, there are no confidentiality or competitive reasons that the schedules be withheld from the public.

Though it was no shock to those of us who monitor the Vogtle boondoggle, growing troubles with the Vogtle project were highlighted in a February 11, 2022 article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution: “**Georgia’s Vogtle nuclear expansion hit with new delays, costs,**” posted at: <https://www.ajc.com/news/business/georgias-plant-vogtle-nuclear-expansion-hit-with-new-delays-costs/IPLQ4TUKGJH3TBAQYL7MX5KU7I/> Given the unjustified secrecy by Southern Nuclear and the NRC related to resolution of construction problems and release of the ITAAC schedules it will be no surprise if there are further delays and cost increases.

I request that you respond to this message in writing and that this email and the response to it be placed in ADAMS and in Dockets 52-025 and 52-026

Sincerely,

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<https://srswatch.org/>

(Main public intervenor, for Friends of the Earth, before SC PSC on VC Summer reactor construction debacle, 2007-2018.)

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