



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

January 17, 2023

LICENSEE: SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

FACILITY: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JANUARY 11, 2023, MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

On January 11, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a virtual public meeting with representatives of Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC or the licensee). The purpose of the meeting was to have a pre-submittal discussion of a draft emergency license amendment request (LAR) for Vogtle Electric Generating Plants (Vogtle) Units 3 and 4. The draft LAR, found in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession Nos. ML23011A343 and ML23011A344, discusses modifications to the Units 3 and 4, Combined License Appendix A, Technical Specifications (TS), sections 3.4.11, 3.4.12, and 3.4.13 to include a new note in each limiting condition for operation specifying that Automatic Depressurization System (ADS) stage 4 flow paths are not required to be operable prior to initial criticality.

The meeting notice and agenda are available in ADAMS (ML23011A321). A list of attendees is enclosed.

SNC representatives described their technical and regulatory evaluations justifying the draft LAR.

Below is a summary of the meeting:

- There were approximately 48 participants on the call, including NRC staff, SNC staff and contractors, and the public.
- There were discussions about the current operating mode for Unit 3, the need for the TS changes, other operating modes and alternatives to this TS change, the maintenance activity planned to address the vibration issue, and the criteria for operability determination of the ADS stage 4 valves.
- There was a discussion about SNC's request to include Vogtle Unit 4 in an emergency amendment since Unit 4 is still under construction.
- SNC representatives stated that they appreciated the staff's feedback, would make the appropriate changes, and submit a final signed LAR by the morning of January 12, 2023. The final LAR will ask for the completion of the safety evaluation and issuance of the amendment within 72 hours of submission to NRC.

Members of the public were in attendance. There was a question from a member of the public on the applicability of the proposed "notes" in the TS. The staff answered that the wording of the proposed notes is interpreted by the staff to apply only to the initial, or "fresh" core, and would not include subsequent reactor cores following refueling. The staff did not receive any Public Meeting Feedback forms. The meeting ended at 9:09 p.m. EST.

Please direct any inquiries to me at 301-415-5848 or Bill.Gleaves@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Gleaves, William
on 01/17/23

William (Billy) Gleaves, Senior Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026

Enclosure:
List of Attendees

cc: Listserv

LIST OF ATTENDEES

JANUARY 11, 2023, MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY

Name	Organization
Cayetano (Tanny) Santos Billy Gleaves Christopher Welch Victor Hall Phil O'Bryan Rob Elliott Jay Robinson Marie Pohida Stew Bailey Robert Hsu Rebecca Patton Pravin Sawant	NRC/Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Bradley Davis Chris Even Jason Eargle Brian Kemker Omar Lopez-Santiago	NRC/Region II
Jamie Coleman Amy Chamberlain Steve Leighty Nathan Chapman Neil Haggerty Wesley Sparkman Ken Lowery Matt Edmonston Keith Dorsey Tim Drouin William Garrett Ken Baity Cheryl Gayheart Marcus Talkem Thomas Kindred Ashley Black - South Company Services Stan Blanton - SNC Support	Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Steve Jackson, MEAG Power Ed Lyman, UCS David Arcano Nick Campanella Thomas Yates	Members of the Public

Enclosure

Summary of January 11, 2023, Public Meeting with Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC)
regarding Vogtle Emergency Technical Specification Amendment DATE January 17, 2023

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DATE	Jan 12, 2023	Jan 17, 2023	Jan 17, 2023	Jan 17, 2023

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