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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20555

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Comments on Petition for Rulemaking
"Spent Fuel Cask Approval and Amendment Process"
(65 Federal Register 36647 dated June 9, 2000)

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (Southern Nuclear), the licensed operator for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, has reviewed the petition for rulemaking filed by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) published in the Federal Register on June 9, 2000. In accordance with this request, Southern Nuclear is in total agreement with the petition and the supplemental comments that are to be provided to the NRC by NEI.

Respectfully submitted,

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