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Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Pre-docketing Phase for Early Site Permit Application  
NRC Coordination and Information Gathering

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In its February 11, 2005, letter Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) notified the NRC that SNC was working toward the submittal of an application for an Early Site Permit (ESP) in the Summer of 2006. Since that notification, site-specific data collection, preliminary application development activities and other ESP activities have begun, with SNC in the near future starting to conduct seismic borings and other ESP-related activities at the Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant site near Waynesboro, Georgia as part of the evaluation of that site. Consistent with your Inspection Manual Chapter 2501-05, a meeting may be appropriate at this time to discuss the NRC's observation of data collection methodology, review our schedule for application development and generally discuss the NRC's desired coordination and involvement.

SNC requests that, subject to your availability, this meeting be held during the week of August 15, 2005. An agenda for your review and comment is included as Enclosure 1.

To support scheduling of potential pre-docketing inspections over the next few weeks, SNC has included a portion of its schedule as Enclosure 2. SNC will advise the NRC of pertinent changes to this schedule.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Charles R. Pierce at (205) 992-7872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Long", written over the word "Sincerely".

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Enclosures:

cc: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mr. W. D. Beckner, Program Director, New Research and Test Reactors  
Ms. L. A. Dudes, Manager, New Reactors  
Mr. A. J. Kugler, Environmental Section Chief  
Dr. W. D. Travers, Regional Administrator  
Mr. C. Gratton, NRR Project Manager – Vogtle  
Mr. G. J. McCoy, Senior Resident Inspector – Vogtle

Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Mr. J. T. Gasser, Executive Vice President  
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Mr. T. E. Tynan, General Manager – Plant Vogtle  
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**Enclosure 1**

**Proposed Agenda**

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**Enclosure 1**

<b>Proposed Agenda</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> </ul>	SNC Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNC Program and Plan               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall Schedule</li> <li>○ Environmental Report Goals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Charles R. Pierce, ESP Project Mgr.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESP Issues               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lessons Learned from Current Applicants</li> <li>○ Permit Ownership</li> <li>○ QA Program</li> <li>○ Seismic Response Spectra</li> <li>○ Emergency Planning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Various
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Report Issues               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SAMA</li> <li>○ Decommissioning</li> <li>○ Metrication</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Various
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRC Interfaces and Input               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seismic Borings</li> <li>○ Other</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ALL

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**Enclosure 2**

**Boring Schedule for the Vogtle Site**

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**Boring Schedule for the Vogtle Site**

Contract for borings awarded:	Week of July 25, 2005
Borings to begin:	Week of August 15, 2005
Boring work to end:	Week of September 12, 2005