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July 7, 2006

EA-06-132

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. D. E. Grissette, Vice President
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SUBJECT: MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - PUBLIC MEETING
REGULATORY CONFERENCE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT -
DOCKET NOS. 50-424, 50-425

Dear Mr. Grissette:

This letter confirms the telephone conversation between Jack Stringfellow of your staff and Lee Miller of this office on June 27, 2006, concerning a Regulatory Conference, being conducted at your request, which has been scheduled for July 26, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting notice, which provides additional details, is enclosed. The purpose of the Regulatory Conference is to discuss the risk significance of the inspection finding documented in Inspection Report 05000424/200609, 05000425/200609. This finding involved a risk-significant performance deficiency involving a failure of the licensee's exercise critique process to identify a weakness associated with an Risk Significant Planning Standard that was determined to be a Drill/Exercise Performance - Performance Indicator opportunity failure and was preliminarily characterized as WHITE, e.g., an issue having Low to moderate increased importance to safety. In addition, the conference will also address the apparent violation associated with the inspection finding.

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Should you have any questions concerning this conference, please contact me at (404) 562-4653.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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SUBJECT: Regulatory Conference

FACILITY: Vogtle Electric Generating Plant

DOCKETS: 50-424, 50-425

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, July 26, 2006
Time e.g. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (EDT)

LOCATION: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8931

PURPOSE: Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. requested a Regulatory Conference to present their perspectives on the facts and assumptions used by the NRC to arrive at the finding, involving the failure of the Vogtle full-scale exercise critique to identify a weakness associated with a risk-significant planning standard (RSPS) that was determined to be a Drill/Exercise Performance (DEP) Performance Indicator (PI) opportunity failure, and its significance.

This is a newly scheduled meeting. The NRC's Policy Statement, "Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings, " effective May 28, 2002, applies to this meeting. The policy statement may be found on the NRC Web site, www.nrc.gov.

CATEGORY: This is a **Category 1** meeting: The public is invited to observe this meeting and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned.

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