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September 7, 2006
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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (EA-06-132)
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
Docket Nos. 05000424 and 05000425

Subject: ISSUANCE OF FINAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF
VIOLATION

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation associated with a White significance determination process (SDP) finding will be issued on or about September 12, 2006, to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., as a result of an inspection at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. This White finding, an issue of low to moderate safety significance which may require additional NRC inspection, involved the failure of the licensee's full-scale exercise critique to identify a weakness associated with a risk-significant planning standard (RSPS) which was determined to be a drill/exercise performance (DEP) - performance indicator (PI) opportunity failure.

A Notice of Violation is included based on a violation of emergency preparedness planning standards 10 CFR 50.47(b)(14) and 10 CFR 50.47(b)(4) as well as the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.g because the licensee failed to identify weak or deficient areas during its formal critique of an emergency preparedness exercise conducted on March 22, 2006. Specifically, the exercise critique failed to identify that the Emergency Director's Site Area Emergency event classification was an incorrect classification.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Final Significance Determination	September 12, 2006
Telephone Notification of Licensee	September 12, 2006

The State of Georgia will be notified.

The licensee has 30 days from the date of the letter in which to respond.

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