

December 21, 2006

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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2. NRC GENERIC LETTER 2006-01, "STEAM GENERATOR TUBE INTEGRITY AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS" (TAC NOS. MD0118 AND MD0119)

Dear Mr. Grissette:

On January 20, 2006, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 2006-01, "Steam Generator (SG) Tube Integrity and Associated Technical Specifications(TSs)," (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML060200385). This GL requested that addressees either submit a description of their program for ensuring SG tube integrity for the interval between inspections or adopt alternative TS requirements for ensuring SG tube integrity.

By letter dated February 11, 2006, the licensee for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, (VEGP 1 and 2), submitted a response to GL 2006-01 (ADAMS Accession No. ML060440275). This response provided a regulatory commitment to submit a request to modify the SG portion of the TSs. By application to the NRC dated March 29, 2006, the licensee requested changes to the TSs for VEGP Units 1 and 2 to adopt the alternative TS requirements for ensuring SG tube integrity (ADAMS Accession No. ML060890447). The new TSs were modeled after Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler, TSTF-449, "Steam Generator Tube Integrity" (ADAMS Accession No. ML051090200). By letter dated June 5, 2006, the licensee provided the NRC a supplement (ADAMS Accession No. ML061570032) to the original application. On August 28, 2006, the NRC staff issued Amendment Nos. 144 and 124 to the VEGP Units 1 and 2 Facility Operating Licenses which approved the new SG TSs (ADAMS Accession No. ML062360577).

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The NRC staff finds the licensee's adoption of new SG TSs modeled after TSTF-449 to be an acceptable and complete response to GL 2006-01. This completes the NRC staff's efforts on TAC Nos. MD0118 and MD0119. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 301 415-1493.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425

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