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Mr. A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447

SUBJECT: EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) REVIEW FOR THE VOGTLE SITE

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Mr. Richard L. Allen, NAGPRA Contact Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 948 Tahlequa, OK 74465-0948

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Mr. Bill Anoatubby, Governor Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1548 Ada, OK 74821-1548

SUBJECT: EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) REVIEW FOR THE VOGTLE SITE

Dear Mr. Anoatubby:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application for an early site permit (ESP) to set aside a site for the potential future construction of one or more new nuclear power plants. The application was submitted by Southern Nuclear Operating Company, on August 15, 2006, pursuant to NRC requirements at Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52. The applicant supplemented the application by letters dated September 6, 2006 (two letters), and September 13, 2006. The application was accepted for docketing on September 19, 2006. If built, the new unit(s) would be located on a site adjacent to the existing Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) site which is located on a Coastal Plain bluff on the southwest side of the Savannah River in eastern Burke County, Georgia.

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