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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR
OPERATING COMPANY (SNC) CONCERNING THE PLANT
VOGTLE EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) SCHEDULE

On Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. EDT, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with representatives from Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) concerning the Plant Vogtle Early Site Permit (ESP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) schedule. The focus of the meeting to discuss revising the EIS schedule due to impacts from the Continuing Resolution and the need to issue a second round of requests for additional information (RAI).

The NRC staff began the meeting with a brief discussion on the past history of Plant Vogtle ESP EIS activities and then the revised schedule was presented and discussed. The major milestones that were discussed were the issuance of the Draft EIS, which was scheduled for August 7, 2007 and was revised to September 7, 2007, and also the issuance of the Final EIS, which was scheduled for May 16, 2008, which has been revised to July 3, 2008. SNC was interested in how the revised schedule impacted the overall project schedule (EIS issuance and Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) Hearing schedule). The NRC staff conveyed that the revised schedule will be provided to the ASLB and the board would then determine their schedule. SNC also discussed the schedule for submitting a Limited Work Authorization (LWA) request, under the revised LWA process that is anticipated to be included in the revision to 10 CFR Part 52. The NRC staff advised that additional discussions among the staff were needed before a determination could be made as to the best time and method for addressing this issue. The meeting ended approximately 2:20 p.m.

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