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SUBJECT: EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 & 2, JOSEPH M. FARLEY
NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 & 2, VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT,
UNITS 1 & 2 - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: NRC
BULLETIN 2007-01, "SECURITY OFFICER ATTENTIVENESS" (TAC NOS.
MD7606, MD7607, MD7598, MD7599, MD7665, MD7666)

Dear Mr. Burford,

By letter dated February 8, 2008, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC, the licensee) submitted the required written response to Security Bulletin 2007-01 "Security Officer Attentiveness." The response was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 50, Section 50.54(f) and 10 CFR 70.22(d).

The NRC staff reviewed your submittal and determined that additional information is required to complete the final staff assessment of the licensee response to the Security Bulletin. Security Bulletin 2007-01 requested licensees to provide information regarding administrative and managerial programs and controls established to prevent, identify and correct security personnel inattentiveness, complicity, and failures to implement the behavioral observation program by individuals among licensee security personnel including security contractors and subcontractors. The NRC staff will use the additional information received to inform the Commission and to determine if further regulatory action is warranted or if additional assessment of licensee program implementation is needed.

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If you have any question, please contact me at 301-415-1493.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Docket Nos. 50-321, 50-366, 50-348,
50-364, 50-424, 50-425

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REVIEW OF RESPONSES SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO
SECURITY BULLETIN 2007-01
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 & 2,
JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 & 2,
VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 & 2

In responding to each of the following questions, licensee should provide information that addresses measures that are currently in place, and any additional planned actions with expected completion dates:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed your response to Question 1a and requests the following additional information:

1. Describe the process for security post rotations including the rotation process for isolated positions.

Include the following information in your response:

A description of the security post rotation process including, but not limited to: (1) a discussion of the types of posts a typical security officer would rotate through during a normal shift; (2) a discussion on whether the type of activity (i.e. roving or foot patrol or stationary in a Bullet Resisting Enclosure [BRE]) performed at each individual post is taken into consideration when a security officer moves from post to post throughout the shift; and, (3) the length of time at each post. When responding, particular emphasis should be placed on whether the licensee takes into consideration the activities associated with each post assignment when formulating their post rotation schedules for each shift (i.e., rotating from foot patrol to BRE to Vital Area patrol or rotating from BRE to ready room to BRE etc].

The NRC staff reviewed your response to Question 1b and requests the following additional information:

2. Describe any licensee processes or programs that are in place to identify problems in climate controlled security areas. What methods are used to track, inspect, and ensure timely repairs are completed?

Include the following information in your response:

[A description of how the security areas are maintained including, but not limited to: (1) a discussion of the maintenance and/or preventive maintenance process and programs in place for these security areas including an overview and brief discussion on routine inspection

schedules by maintenance personnel; (2) a discussion on the process a security officer can follow to report concerns with the up keep and maintenance of his or her post; and, (3) a discussion on the timeliness of repairs and any follow up actions taken by the licensee to ensure the repairs are completed and resolved adequately.

The NRC staff reviewed your response to Question 1 and requests the following additional information:

3. Are security personnel provided opportunities to participate in any personnel surveys regarding the work environment? If so, what is the frequency of the surveys, the average participation rate of security personnel as compared to the general site average, and the process for providing feedback and addressing the results from the survey?

The NRC staff reviewed your response to Question 2 and requests the following additional information:

4. Describe the process for employees to file reports through the site corrective action program (CAP). Can employees file CAP reports without prior supervisory/management review or approval?

Include the following information in your response:

Describe the process for employees to file reports through the CAP. Discuss the supervisor/management review and/or approval process including, but not limited to: (1) does a supervisor/manager have the authority to reject a report before entering it into the corrective action program without additional management review and approval; and, (2) does a supervisor/manager have the authority to modify the report before such report has been entered into the CAP.

5. Can the employees view the status and disposition of reports directly, or must this information be requested? If yes, please describe the process.

The NRC staff reviewed your response to Question 4 and requests the following additional information:

6. Are formal assessments of the security program conducted by organizations/individuals that do not have direct responsibility for the security program? If so, provide information on the process, including, but not limited to, the organizations and levels of management involved, the frequency of such activities, and any tracking of how findings are resolved.
7. How are self-assessment findings and relevant operating experience information communicated to the security force? Describe those processes including, but not limited to, information such as the criteria by which such information is identified, the frequency of such communications, the responsible department(s) or position(s) for such communications, and the recipients of such communications.

Include the following information in your response:

Describe the process including, but not limited to: (1) formal or informal communication methods; (2) procedures that ensure availability of the policy to staff; and, (3) training opportunities for staff to read and understand the policy.

The NRC staff reviewed your response to Question 5 and requests the following additional information:

8. How do you assess the effectiveness of your oversight of contractors and subcontractors?

Include the following information in your response:

Describe the licensees' program for oversight of contractors and subcontractors including, but not limited to: (1) a brief overview and description of licensee's procedures that describe the oversight process; (2) include a detailed list (bulleted is preferred) of assigned duties for the licensee supervisor(s) or manager(s) responsible for overseeing contractors and subcontractors at the site; (3) include a detailed list (bulleted is preferred) of the assigned duties for the contractor and subcontractor supervisor(s) or manager(s) responsible for overseeing the contractor and subcontractor staff at the site; and, (4) a brief discussion of the corporate (management) involvement with the oversight of contractors and subcontractors at the site.

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