

## PMVogtleCOLNPEm Resource

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Mallecia:

At approximately 1:30 p.m. this afternoon, I spoke with Mr. Eric Hawk, fishery biologist, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, Protected Resources Division, (727) 551-5773. Mr. Hawk explained that the NRC does not need to reinitiate consultation with NMFS for the Vogtle COL unless the project is modified in such a manner that causes an effect to a listed species not previously considered in the ESP.

V/R,  
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P.S. Always keep in mind that the NRC would have to reinitiate consultation if a new species is listed or critical habitat is designated; however, I'm not presently aware of any such pending actions.

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**Subject:** BAs for Vogtle COL

Mark:

This afternoon Mike and I discussed the Vogtle COL biological assessment (BA) schedules for both the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) with biologists Becky Krieg and Amanda Stegan from PNNL. Nothing will be done until the ASLB makes their final decision on the Vogtle ESP mandatory hearing (August 17). Once the ASLB makes their decision, Mike and I will call the NMFS rep, Ms. Alexis Meyer. In August 2008, the NRC staff received a concurrence letter from the NMFS for the Vogtle ESP BA. Since we are moving to a new phase (Vogtle COL), the NRC staff believes the August 2008 NMFS letter includes consideration of operations at Vogtle. Therefore, the plan would be for the NRC staff not to enter into consultation with NMFS (i.e., not prepare a new BA) for the Vogtle COL. Mike and I will discuss this approach with Ms. Meyer.

Since the Vogtle ESP BA for the FWS did not include transmission lines or operations, the NRC staff definitely needs to prepare a new BA for the Vogtle COL and submit it to FWS for concurrence. The NRC staff will request updated threatened and endangered species info from the FWS and begin preparation of the COL BA after the ASLB makes their decision on the Vogtle ESP mandatory hearing.

VR,  
Nancy

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