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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE LIMITED WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR  
THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4

Dear Mr. Miller:

On August 26, 2009, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an Early Site Permit (ESP) and Limited Work Authorization (LWA) to Southern Nuclear Company (SNC) and its four co-applicants for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP), Units 3 and 4. On October 2, 2009, Southern and the co-applicants submitted a request for a second LWA as part of the combined license application (COL). The environmental staff reviewed the SNC request and identified that additional information was needed to complete its review per 10 CFR § 51.49. The request for additional information (RAI) follows:

Consistent with 10 CFR § 51.49, resubmit the environmental information applicable to the LWA request in a separate document entitled "Applicant's Environmental Report – Limited Work Authorization Stage." Where information relied on to address the provisions of § 51.49 (including the statement of the need for the requested LWA activities) is incorporated by reference from other documents, state which portions of those documents contain the information considered applicable to the instant request. The submission should state how any referenced material supports the environmental evaluation and conclusions with respect to the specific LWA activities requested.

Further, the NRC requests that SNC provide a response to the RAI within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter in order to support the COL.

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If you have any questions, I can be contacted at 301-415-0673 or via e-mail to [mallecia.sutton@nrc.gov](mailto:mallecia.sutton@nrc.gov).

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