November 9, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO: Edwin M. Hackett, Executive Director
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

FROM: David B. Matthews, Director **/RA Frank Akstulewicz for/**
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Office of New Reactors

SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION - ADVANCED SAFETY EVALUATION WITHOUT OPEN ITEMS FOR CHAPTER 8, "ELECTRIC POWER"

By letter dated March 28, 2008 (ML081050133), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) application for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP), Units 3 and 4.

Based on our review of the application, the staff is providing the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) its Advanced Safety Evaluation (ASE), without open items for Chapter 8, "Electric Power" (ML092870782). Unless otherwise stated in the ASE, the staff's review was based on Revision 2 of the application. The ASE is being provided to support a meeting of the subcommittee of the ACRS scheduled for December, 2010. The ACRS Full Committee meeting will be held after the subcommittee.

The staff has reviewed the ASE and found no topics that meet the categories of interest that ACRS members would like to review in detail.

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