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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4
Completion of ITAAC 2.2 03.08c.i-01

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the Simulated completion of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3, Inspection, Test, Analysis and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) Item 2.2 03.08c.i-01 for verifying set pressure of the flow resistance in the Passive Core Cooling System (PXS) from each Core Makeup Tank (CMT) to the reactor vessel in accordance with 10 CFR 52.99(c)(1). The closure process for this ITAAC is based on the guidance described in NEI-08-01 (Reference 1).

ITAAC Statement

Design Commitment:

The PXS provides RCS makeup, boration, and safety injection during design basis events.

Inspections, Tests, Analysis:

A low-pressure injection test and analysis for each CMT, each accumulator, each IRWST injection line, and each containment recirculation line will be conducted. Each test is initiated by opening isolation valve(s) in the line being tested. Test fixtures may be used to simulate squib valves.

Acceptance Criteria:

The injection line flow resistance from each source is as follows:

CMTs:

*The calculated flow resistance between each CMT and the reactor vessel is
 $\geq 1.81 \times 10^{-5}$ ft/gpm² and
 $\leq 2.25 \times 10^{-5}$ ft/gpm².*

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ITAAC Determination Basis

A performance test was conducted to determine that the flow path from each Core Makeup Tank (CMT) (PXS-MT-02A/B) to the reactor vessel has a flow resistance $\geq 1.81 \times 10^{-5}$ ft/gpm² and $\leq 2.25 \times 10^{-5}$ ft/gpm². This was accomplished by opening both of the associated CMT discharge isolation valves and gravity draining each tank through the direct vessel injection flow path while measuring CMT level, pressure and discharge flow.

Flow resistance is a constant value proportional to flow loss divided by the square of the flow rate: The constant value for flow resistance was calculated, adjusted for measurement uncertainty, and compared to the acceptance criteria. The flow resistance was calculated to be 2.00×10^{-5} ft/gpm² which falls within the required calculated flow resistance as required by the ITAAC acceptance criteria.

The flow resistance meets the acceptance criteria of the ITAAC which is used to verify the design commitment for the Passive Core Cooling System (PXS) to provide Reactor Cooling System (RCS) makeup, boration, and safety injection during design basis events.

ITAAC-Related Construction Finding Review

In accordance with procedures for ITAAC closure, Southern Nuclear performed a review of all ITAAC-related construction findings pertaining to the subject ITAAC. This review found that there were no relevant ITAAC-related construction findings associated with this ITAAC. The ITAAC Completion Package (Reference 2) documents the closure for ITAAC 2.2 03.08c.i-01 and is available for NRC review.

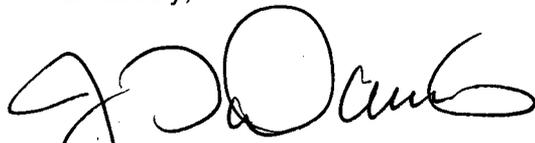
ITAAC Closure Statement

Based on the above information for VEGP Unit 3, Southern Nuclear hereby notifies the NRC that ITAAC 2.2 03.08c.i-01 was performed and the prescribed acceptance criteria are met.

We request NRC staff confirmation of this determination and publication of the required notice in the Federal Register per 10 CFR 52.99.

If there are any questions, please contact J. (Jim) T. Davis at 706-826-5544.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. T. Davis', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

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References (available for NRC review)

1. NEI 08-01, Industry Guideline for the ITAAC Closure Process Under 10 CFR Part 52.
2. ITAAC 2.2 03.08c.i-01 Completion Package

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