

August 2, 2012

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST
(PAR 12-007), "BASEMAT CONCRETE/REBAR DETAILS," FOR THE
VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNIT 3 COMBINED LICENSE

Dear Mr. Ivey:

By letter dated August 1, 2012, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 12-007 notifying the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that, absent NRC objection, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of License Amendment Request (LAR) 12-007, SNC will proceed with the installation of proposed plant changes related to the nuclear island presented in Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) Subsection 3.8.4.6.1.1 and Figure 3H.5-3.

As required by License Condition 2.D(1), the NRC has received the license amendment request (LAR 12-007) referenced in PAR 12-007. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 12-007 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 12-007 for review (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Number ML12215A084).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 12-007 contained a sufficient description of the no significant hazards consideration determination, the categorical exclusion from environmental review, and the impact of the proposed plant change on associated Inspections, Tests, Analyses and Acceptance Criteria. In addition, the NRC staff has reviewed the scope of PAR 12-007 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 12-007. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the installation of the proposed plant change identified in PAR 12-007, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 12-007. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 12-007 is denied, SNC will return the plant to its current licensing basis.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the Project Manager, Ravindra Joshi, at 301-415-6191 or via e-mail at ravindra.joshi@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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