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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. EA-14-158  
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant  
Docket No.: 50-424 and 50-425

Subject: ISSUANCE OF FINAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation (NOV) associated with a White Significance Determination Process finding will be issued on or about March 30 2015, to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (licensee) as a result of a report submitted by the licensee under 10 CFR 71.95(b). The White finding, an issue of low to moderate safety significance, will result in additional NRC inspections.

The White finding involves the licensee's failure to ship Type B quantity of radioactive material in a container that was approved or tested for that purpose. The significance of this event was based on the increased risk to the public and accident hazard posed when a Type B quantity of radioactive material was shipped in a container that was not approved or tested for that purpose.

The violation involves the licensee's failure to maintain accurate records of radioactive waste being stored in designated areas which resulted in a violation of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Technical Specification 5.4.1. Specifically, information regarding the location and contents of the high integrity containers was not updated when the contents of process shield #10 were changed.

The NRC issued a choice letter to the licensee that described the preliminary White finding and the apparent violation. The licensee responded with additional information; however, after the staff reviewed this information, the staff concluded that the finding is appropriately characterized as a White finding.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement actions. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Final Significance Determination	March 30, 2015
Telephone Notification of Licensee	March 30, 2015

The State of Georgia will be notified.

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