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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR
OPERATING COMPANY AND SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS
ON AUGUST 13, 2015

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 2 public meeting with Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) and South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) on August 13, 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues associated with the safety review of licensing actions for SNC's Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP), Units 3 and 4, and SCE&G's Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS), Units 2 and 3.

The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under accession number ML15223B004. The meeting notice is also posted on the NRC public website. Enclosures 1 and 2 are the meeting agenda and attendance list for the meeting, respectively. The other documents referenced during the discussion can be found at the ADAMS Accession Numbers given below:

- 1) Pre-submittal discussion on SNC request (ND-15-1333) of a Commission-Approved Simulation (CAS) Facility for VEGP Units 3 & 4 for the administration of operating tests under 10 CFR 55.45(b) – ML15265A107
- 2) AP1000 C2/C3J coupler weld Evaluation (license amendment request (LAR) 111) Discussion Presentation (Open Portion) – ML15292A366

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In the open portion of the meeting, the first topic discussed was SNC's pre-submittal request for a CAS facility for VEGP Units 3 and 4 for the administration of operating tests under 10 CFR 55.45(b). In the discussion, the staff requested that SNC include the basis for screening out the discrepancies, ensuring that the simulator provides diverse and unbiased scenarios. The staff also noted that SNC's submittal should address how the Unit 4 operators will be trained using the Unit 3 simulator. A summary of unresolved issues was also discussed. The staff noted that there are some detailed questions about the CAS facility to be addressed by SNC and that the date of examination and an auditing schedule should be provided in SNC's letter.

The second topic discussed was a resolution path for demonstrating coupler weld compliance with both AISC-N690 and ACI-349 requirements through testing for both past and future welds (LAR-111). WEC discussed that a larger weld will not change the response of the structure in the design basis or beyond design basis events.

At the end of the open portion of the meeting, there was an opportunity for the public to provide comments and ask questions. All comments and questions were addressed before ending the open portion of the meeting.

In the closed session, the test results in support of LAR-111 were discussed. The staff noted that a justification should be provided for the use of AISC-N690 Section Q1.22.2 for the acceptance of weld design based on testing and number of test samples. The staff also noted that in finalizing the LAR, the present design should reflect the current licensing basis.

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AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)

Thursday, August 13, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

PURPOSE: To discuss issues associated with the safety review of licensing actions for Southern Nuclear Operating Company's (SNC) Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, and South Carolina Electric & Gas' (SCE&G) Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3.

OPEN

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led By</u>
8:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks	NRC
8:05 a.m.	Pre-submittal interaction regarding Commission Approved Simulator	NRC/SNC & SCANA
8:45 a.m.	Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC
9:00 a.m.	AP1000 C2/C3J coupler weld Evaluation (LAR 111) Discussion Presentation (Open Portion)	NRC/WEC/ SNC/SCE&G
10:00 a.m.	Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC
10:05 a.m.	Conclusion/Document Actions	NRC
10:10 a.m.	Open Portion Concludes	NRC

CLOSED

10:15 a.m.	Closed portion of meeting –Proprietary AP1000 C2/C3J Coupler weld Evaluation (LAR 111)	NRC/WEC SNC/SCE&G
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

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PUBLIC MEETING
UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Thursday, August 13, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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