

10 CFR 21.21

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: UPDATED INTERIM 10 CFR PART 21 REPORT REGARDING PASSIVE CORE COOLING PIPE SUPPORTS NOT FABRICATED PER DESIGN FOR THE VOGTLE UNIT 3 AP1000® PROJECT

The attachment to this letter provides an updated interim report in accordance with 10 CFR 21.21 pertaining to nonconforming passive core cooling (PXS) pipe supports being supplied for the Vogtle Unit 3 AP1000® project. Based on information in an inspection report, some nonconforming conditions that require resolution were found associated with PXS pipe supports not fabricated per the design. This issue was previously described in an interim report submitted by CB&I Power (now WECTEC LLC) in a letter dated November 12, 2015 (NRC Log No. 2015-78-00, Accession No. ML15331A003).

Evaluation of reportability in accordance with 10 CFR Part 21 is not able to be completed within the extended evaluation period due to the need for additional time to evaluate the necessary information. It is currently expected that the evaluation of these conditions will be completed by March 25, 2016.

If you have any questions pertaining to this information, please contact Curtis Castell, Licensing Manager, at 980-321-8314.

Sincerely,



David Durham
President
WECTEC LLC

cc: Regional Administrator, USNRC, Region II

Attachment

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UPDATED INTERIM 10 CFR PART 21 REPORT REGARDING PASSIVE CORE COOLING
PIPE SUPPORTS NOT FABRICATED PER DESIGN FOR THE VOGTLE UNIT 3 AP1000®
PROJECT

This report is being provided as an updated interim report in accordance with 10 CFR 21.21.

(i) Name and address of the individual or individuals informing the Commission.

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(ii) Identification of the facility, the activity, or the basic component supplied for such facility or such activity within the United States which fails to comply or contains a defect.

No basic components have been determined to fail to comply or contain a defect. This is an interim report. Based on information in an inspection report, some nonconforming conditions that require evaluation were found that are associated with delivered pipe supports for the Passive Core Cooling system (PXS). The delivered pipe supports do not conform to the current design. This condition was discovered during receipt inspection activities. These pipe supports are associated with the Vogtle Unit 3 AP1000® project.

(iii) Identification of the firm constructing the facility or supplying the basic component which fails to comply or contains a defect.

This is an interim report. The construction activities for the Vogtle Unit 3 AP1000® project are being performed by WECTEC LLC (previously CB&I Power), 128 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202. The affected piping supports are being supplied by LISEGA Inc. USA, 370 East Dumplin Valley Rd., Kodak, TN 37764.

(iv) Nature of the defect or failure to comply and the safety hazard which is created or could be created by such defect or failure to comply.

No basic components have been determined to fail to comply or contain a defect. This is an interim report. Evaluation of the condition is expected to be completed by March 25, 2016. Based on information gathered during the evaluation process, it is likely that the design authority changed piping support design after the procurement process had been initiated. As previously stated, this condition was discovered during receipt inspection activities, so the nonconforming supports were found prior to use.

(v) The date on which the information of such defect or failure to comply was obtained.

The discovery date of the deviations that require evaluation is September 16, 2015, based on the date of the inspection report that originally discovered the deviations. Evaluation of reportability in accordance with 10 CFR Part 21 is not able to be completed within the extended evaluation period due to the need for additional time to evaluate the necessary information. It is currently expected that the evaluation of these conditions will be completed by March 25, 2016.

(vi) In the case of a basic component which contains a defect or fails to comply, the number and location of these components in use at, supplied for, being supplied for, or may be supplied for, manufactured, or being manufactured for one or more facilities or activities subject to the regulations in this part.

No basic components have been determined to fail to comply or contain a defect. This is an interim report.

(vii) The corrective action which has been, is being, or will be taken; the name of the individual or organization responsible for the action; and the length of time that has been or will be taken to complete the action.

No basic components have been determined to fail to comply or contain a defect. This is an interim report.

(viii) Any advice related to the defect or failure to comply about the facility, activity, or basic component that has been, is being, or will be given to purchasers or licensees.

None at this time.

(ix) In the case of an early site permit, the entities to whom an early site permit was transferred.

Not applicable.