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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 & 2
Reply to a Notice of Violation; EA-16-017
Inspection Report NOS. 05000424/2016-405 and 05000425/2016-405

References:

1. NRC letter to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, NRC Special Security Inspection Report 05000424/2016-404 and 05000425/2016-404, dated February 12, 2016.
2. SNC letter to NRC, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Response to Preliminary Finding from NRC Inspection Report 05000424/2016-404 and 05000425/2016-404, dated February 22, 2016.
3. SNC letter to NRC, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Licensee Event Report 2016-001-00 Introduction of Contraband into the Protected Area, dated March 3, 2016.
4. NRC letter to SNC, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Final Significance Determination of Greater Than Green Finding, Notice of Violation and Assessment Followup Letter (Inspection Report NOS. 05000424/2016-405 and 05000425/2016-405), dated March 16, 2016.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated March 16, 2016, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff notified Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) of the final significance determination of the preliminary White finding discussed in NRC inspection Report 05000424, 425/2016-404 and a Notice of Violation associated with a White significance determination process (SDP) finding. The violation involved introduction of a contraband item into the Protected Area. SNC agrees with the NRC staff on the facts regarding the finding and, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, submits its response to the violation as an Enclosure to this letter.

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SNC does not appeal the NRC staff's significance determination for the identified finding. SNC also understands that the NRC plans to conduct a supplemental inspection in accordance with Inspection Procedure 95001, "Supplemental Inspection for One or Two White Inputs in a Strategic Performance Area". SNC will provide notification of readiness.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please contact George Gunn at (706) 826-3596.

Respectfully submitted,



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