

July 14, 2016

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST
(PAR 16-009R2), "STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF AUXILIARY BUILDING FLOORS"
FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNIT 3 (CAC RP9527)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated July 5, 2016, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 16-009R2 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML16187A354). PAR 16-009R2 superseded the requests submitted on June 14, 2016 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16166A418), and June 17, 2016 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16169A308), as PAR 16-009 and PAR 16-009R1, respectively. SNC notified 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) 16-009R1 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16183A394), SNC will proceed with completion of the construction activities (including the pouring of concrete) related to floor to wall connections in rooms identified in PAR 16-009R2 at approximate design elevations of 82'-6" and 92'-6" in the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 auxiliary building structural module CA20 in accordance with the design changes proposed in the revised Updated Final Safety Analysis Report description in LAR 16-009R1.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1) the NRC has received LAR 16-009R1, and referenced in PAR 16-009R2. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 16-009R1 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 16-009R1 for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML16194A061).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 16-009R2 contained sufficient information on the impact of the proposed plant change on associated Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria. In addition, the NRC staff reviewed the scope of PAR 16-009R2 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 16-009R1. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant change identified in PAR 16-009R2, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 16-009R1. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 16-009R1 is denied, SNC will return the plant to its current licensing basis as required by License Condition 2.D.(1)(b).

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the Project Manager, Chandu Patel, at 301-415-3025 or via e-mail at Chandu.Patel@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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