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Ryan,

By letter dated July 6, 2016, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a proposed alternative to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section XI Code for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), Units 1 and 2 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16188A313; CAC Nos. MF8141 and MF8142). SNC proposed to use an ASME Section XI Code alternative for the leakage examination of the Class 1 reactor vessel flange leak-off piping at HNP in lieu of the methods described in IWB-5221 (a) of the ASME Code. The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this proposed alternative request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed code alternative in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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