

September 21, 2016

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST
(PAR 16-024), "COLUMN LINE 7.3 WALL REINFORCEMENT AREA CHANGE"
FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNIT 3 (CAC NO. RP9542)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated September 14, 2016, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 16-024 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML16258A187). 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) 16-024 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16257A711), SNC will proceed with construction activities related to concrete placement for the column line 7.3 wall up to elevation 100'-0", rebar installation and subsequent concrete pour at elevation 100'-0" of floor slabs in Area 2, and rebar/anchor/embed installation and precast panel installation in Room 12259 in the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Unit 3 auxiliary building in accordance with the reduced minimum provided reinforcement for the column line 7.3 wall from elevation 82'-6" to elevation 100'-0" proposed in Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Table 3H.5-5 in LAR 16-024.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1) the NRC has received LAR 16-024, and referenced in PAR 16-024. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 16-024 and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 16-024 for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML16263A389).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 16-024 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 16-024 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 16-024. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant change identified in PAR 16-024, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 16-024. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 16-024 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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