

October 21, 2016

Mr. Brian H. Whitley, Director  
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST  
(PAR 16-013), "DEBRIS SCREEN RELATED DIMENSIONS" FOR THE VOGTLE  
ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 3 (CAC NO. RP9533)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated August 22, 2016, the Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 16-013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML16235A401). SNC notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that absent NRC's objection, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of License Amendment Request (LAR) 16-013 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16224B122), SNC will proceed with completion of the construction activities related to the installation of the protective plate, module CH77, in the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 Containment Building in accordance with the design changes proposed in LAR 16-013.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1) the NRC has received LAR 16-013, referenced in PAR 16-013. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 16-013, and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 16-013, for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML16239A077).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 16-013 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 16-013 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 16-013. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant change identified in PAR 16-013, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 16-013. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 16-013 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, Ruth C. Reyes, at 301-415-3249 or via e-mail at [Ruth.Reyes@nrc.gov](mailto:Ruth.Reyes@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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