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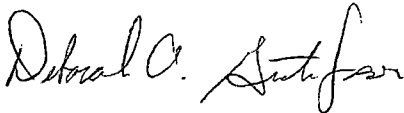
**SUBJECT: UPDATED INTERIM 10 CFR PART 21 REPORT REGARDING  
NONDESTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION OF WELDABLE COUPLERS FOR  
VOGTLE UNITS 3 & 4 AND V. C. SUMMER UNITS 2 & 3 AP1000® PROJECTS**

The attachment to this letter provides an interim report in accordance with 10 CFR 21.21 pertaining to nonconforming nondestructive examination of welds for overlay plate and embedment plate weldable couplers for the Vogtle Units 3 & 4 and V. C. Summer Units 2 & 3 AP1000® projects. Based on information in a corrective action report, some nonconforming conditions were found associated with nondestructive examination of welds for overlay plate and embedment plate weldable couplers that was not performed as required. This issue was previously described in interim reports dated August 30, 2016 (NRC Log No. 2015-75-04, Accession No. ML16252A321), June 27, 2016 (NRC Log No. 2015-75-03, Accession No. ML16197A151), April 12, 2016 (NRC Log No. 2015-75-02, Accession No. ML16110A262), January 21, 2016 (NRC Log No. 2015-75-01, Accession No. ML16053A286), and October 29, 2015 (NRC Log No. 2015-75-00, Accession No. ML15313A496).

Evaluation of reportability in accordance with 10 CFR Part 21 is not able to be completed within the extended evaluation period due to the need for additional time to evaluate the necessary information. It is now expected that the evaluation will be completed by December 8, 2016.

If you have any questions pertaining to this information, please contact Curtis Castell, Licensing Manager, at 980-859-6373.

Sincerely,



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WECTEC LLC

cc: Regional Administrator, USNRC, Region II

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EXAMINATION OF WELDABLE COUPLERS FOR VOGTLE UNITS 3 & 4 AND  
V. C. SUMMER UNITS 2 & 3 AP1000® PROJECTS

This report is being provided as an interim report in accordance with 10 CFR 21.21.

(i) Name and address of the individual or individuals informing the Commission.

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(ii) Identification of the facility, the activity, or the basic component supplied for such facility or such activity within the United States which fails to comply or contains a defect.

No basic components have been determined to fail to comply or contain a defect. This is an interim report. Based on information in a corrective action report, some nonconforming conditions were found associated with nondestructive examination of welds for overlay plate and embedment plate weldable couplers that was not performed as required for the Vogtle Units 3 & 4 and V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 AP1000® projects.

(iii) Identification of the firm constructing the facility or supplying the basic component which fails to comply or contains a defect.

The construction activities for the V. C. Summer and Vogtle AP1000® nuclear project are being performed by WECTEC LLC (previously CB&I Power), 3735 Glen Lake Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208. The overlay plate and embedment plate weldable couplers were supplied by Cives Steel Company, 102 Airport Road, Thomasville, GA 31757.

(iv) Nature of the defect or failure to comply and the safety hazard which is created or could be created by such defect or failure to comply.

No basic components have been determined to fail to comply or contain a defect. This is an interim report. Evaluation of the condition is expected to be completed by December 8, 2016.

(v) The date on which the information of such defect or failure to comply was obtained.

The discovery date of the deviations that require evaluation is September 3, 2015, based on the date of the corrective action report that originally discovered the deviations. Evaluation of reportability in accordance with 10 CFR Part 21 is not able to be completed within the extended evaluation period due to the need for additional time to evaluate the necessary information.

(vi) In the case of a basic component which contains a defect or fails to comply, the number and location of these components in use at, supplied for, being supplied for, or may be supplied for, manufactured, or being manufactured for one or more facilities or activities subject to the regulations in this part.

No basic components have been determined to fail to comply or contain a defect. This is an interim report.

(vii) The corrective action which has been, is being, or will be taken; the name of the individual or organization responsible for the action; and the length of time that has been or will be taken to complete the action.

No basic components have been determined to contain a defect. This is an interim report.

(viii) Any advice related to the defect or failure to comply about the facility, activity, or basic component that has been, is being, or will be given to purchasers or licensees.

None at this time.

(ix) In the case of an early site permit, the entities to whom an early site permit was transferred.

Not applicable.