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Office of New Reactors

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 29, 2016, PUBLIC MEETING WITH  
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY AND FEDERAL  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ON THE PROPOSED  
STEWART COUNTY PROJECT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 1 public meeting with Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on November 29, 2016. This meeting was a follow up to the August 31, 2016, public meeting on the radiological emergency preparedness aspects of the proposed Stewart County Project.

The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession Number ML16319A109. The meeting notice is also posted on the NRC's public website. Enclosures 1 and 2 are the meeting agenda and participant list for the meeting, respectively. The other documents referenced during the discussion can be found at the ADAMS Accession Numbers given below:

- Summary of an August 31, 2016, Public Meeting with Southern Nuclear Operating Company and Federal Emergency Management Agency on the Proposed Stewart County Project (ADAMS Accession No. ML16263A321)
- Responses to Follow Up Items from the 8/31/2016 Public Meeting with SNC on the Proposed Stewart County Project (ADAMS Accession No. ML16326A358)

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Summary of Meeting:

The NRC staff discussed the August 31, 2016, meeting summary and response to the follow up items in the documents referenced above.

SNC representatives asked if Fort Benning is subject to the provisions of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 52.79(a)(22) regarding certification letters. This regulation states:

All emergency plan certifications that have been obtained from the State and local governmental agencies with emergency planning responsibilities must state that:

- (A) The propose emergency plans are practicable;
- (B) These agencies are committed to participating in any further development of the plans, including any required field demonstrations; and
- (C) These agencies are committed to executing their responsibilities under the plans in the event of an emergency.

The NRC staff responded that Fort Benning is subject to these provisions.

SNC representatives asked if SNC would be required to obtain a formal Letter of Agreement from Fort Benning. The NRC staff responded yes, if Fort Benning has a direct emergency response support role. Should Fort Benning have an emergency response support role, a written agreement referring to the concept of operations between SNC and Fort Benning shall exist. The agreement shall identify the emergency measures to be provided, the mutually acceptable criteria for their implementation, and the arrangements that will be in place for the exchange of information to take place. The agreements should be provided in an appendix to the plan or the plan itself may contain descriptions of these matters, and a signature page in the plan may serve to verify the agreements.

SNC representatives asked if SNC would be required to obtain some sort of inter-agency agreement that includes Fort Benning as was done for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). The NRC staff clarified that although not a requirement, the Interjurisdictional Planning Committee for SONGS was established to ensure that the coordination and integration of emergency plans amongst all Federal, State, and local agencies that had an emergency response role within the emergency planning zone (EPZ) took place and in essence functioned as a Memorandum of Understanding for support of Radiological Emergency Response Planning and Response. Camp Pendleton was part of that Interjurisdictional Planning Group for the SONGS power plant whose independent emergency plan would be coordinated and integrated with other plans/letters of agreement outlining assignment of responsibilities which included Orange and San Diego Counties; the Cities of San Clement, Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano; California State Parks; and California Edison. Camp Pendleton would also participate in exercises in which FEMA was involved; however, it would not be graded because a military reservation is considered separate from the surrounding state and jurisdiction over a military reservation is granted to the U.S. government thereby creating an independent sovereignty. Should Fort Benning have an emergency response role within the EPZ, it would be expected that something similar be in place and in effect as was done with other nuclear power plants located on or near Federal facilities.

SNC representatives asked if FEMA would issue an Interim Findings Report for preparedness following an exercise. The FEMA representative responded that it would issue an Interim Findings Report to the NRC.

At the end of the business portion of the meeting, a member of the public asked if NRC would be responsible for reviewing Fort Benning's radiological emergency plans. The NRC staff responded that the NRC does not have the jurisdiction to review and evaluate Fort Benning's site specific emergency plan. However, the NRC would evaluate the coordination and implementation of the overall integrated emergency plans.

NRC Project No. 0820

Enclosures:  
As stated

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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE  
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, November 29, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**PURPOSE:** This teleconference is a follow up to a meeting held on August 31, 2016, to continue discussion of the radiological emergency preparedness aspects of Southern Nuclear Operating Company's (SNC) proposed Stewart County Project with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

**OPEN**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led By</u>
10:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks	NRC
10:05 a.m.	Discussion of the radiological emergency preparedness aspects of the proposed Stewart County Project	NRC/FEMA/SNC
10:45 a.m.	Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC/NRC
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn	

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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**List of Participants**

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Edward Robinson	NSIR/DPR/RLB
<b>Representing Southern Nuclear Operating Company</b>	
Howard Mahan	Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC)
Thomas Hicks	SNC/Excel Services
Ted Amundson	SNC/EC2
Scott Odom	SNC/EC2
Ryan Henderson	SNC/EC2
Chris Defnall	SNC/EC2
<b>Representing Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>	
Jesse King	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
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