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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2
Response to Apparent Violation in NRC Inspection Report
05000424,425/2016407 and Investigation Report No. 2-2015-043, EA-16-137

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated January 18, 2017, entitled "Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Security Inspection Report 05000424/2016407 and 05000425/2016407 and Investigation Report No. 2-2015-043; and Apparent Violation," the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) notified Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) of a Traditional Enforcement Apparent Violation (AV) that is being considered for escalated enforcement in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy.

This AV is associated with activities at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant involving Nuclear Security Officers deliberately violating SNC's Behavioral Observation Program (BOP) despite training they had on their obligations under the program.

Upon discovery, corporate security investigations were initiated, individuals were terminated, and an assessment of the SNC BOP was conducted. Based on these actions, SNC's response contained in Enclosure 1 includes: (1) the reason for the AV; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that will be taken; (4) the date when full compliance was achieved; and additional information on the significance of the AV.

In addition to this AV response, a Pre-Decisional Enforcement Conference was requested by Michael Meier, SNC Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, and Justin Wheat, SNC Licensing Manager, in a face-to-face meeting with Anthony Gody, Director of Reactor Safety, Region II, on January 26, 2017.

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The enclosure to this letter contains security-related information to be withheld per 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1). As instructed in EA-16-137 and in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), an affidavit is not required.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please contact Dom Sutton at 706-848-1428.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: 1. Response to Apparent Violation
2. BOP Self-Assessment

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