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March 3, 2017

Mr. Stephen B. Comley, Sr.
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Dear Mr. Comley:

I am responding to your January 17, 2017, call (ADAMS Accession No.: ML17030A074¹) and your recent e-mail correspondence (ML17041A281) with Mr. Richard Barkley of my staff. During your phone call, you noted a correction to my November 14, 2016, letter. Specifically, your previously expressed issue with the quality of welding on the new reactors being constructed in Region II was only focused on the Vogtle facility in Georgia and was not intended to include the VC Summer facility in South Carolina. You also requested that the documents referenced by web links be provided to you in hard copy. These documents are enclosed.

In response to the issues you raised in the above referenced call and email, we reviewed your prior submittals since December 2013, and your various calls and emails to Mr. Barkley over that time. Our review did not identify any relevant new technical issues that were not addressed in our prior correspondence with you. Thus, I plan no further action in these matters. We also noted that you requested a direct reply from the NRC Chairman relative to emergency preparedness concerns at Seabrook. We previously provided that request directly to Chairman Burns' office. However, since the Chairmanship of the NRC changed recently, you may want to resubmit that request directly to Chairman Svinicki's office (Chairman.resource@nrc.gov).

We noted that you are now willing to provide the names of informants on alleged counterfeit and substandard parts used in the nuclear industry, but will not do so until the NRC has a public hearing on Seabrook evacuation issues in your hometown of Rowley, Massachusetts. Since this has been a contentious issue between you and this agency for over 25 years and given that the nature of this issue stems back to your interactions with senior agency officials many years ago, you may want to contact the NRC Office of Inspector General at their toll free hotline number (1-800-233-3497) to discuss this matter further.

I trust this is fully responsive to your issues.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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