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Mr. Brian H. Whitley, Director
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REQUEST (PAR 17-003), "HYDROGEN VENTING FROM PASSIVE CORE COOLING SYSTEM (PXS) COMPARTMENTS" FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 (CAC RP9611)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

By letter dated February 23, 2017, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted Preliminary Amendment Request (PAR) 17-003 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML17054D208). SNC submitted License Amendment Request (LAR) 17-003 on February 22, 2017 (ADAMS Accession Number ML17053A425). SNC notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that absent NRC objection, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 17-003, SNC will proceed with construction activities identified in Section 7 of the Enclosure to PAR 17-003. This "no objection" finding would be specifically applicable to setting and field assembly construction activities for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 containment internal floor module for Room 11300 at a design elevation of approximately 107' – 2" and include subsequent concrete pour to a design elevation of approximately 107' – 2" to complete the module placement.

As required by License Condition 2.D.(1) the NRC has received LAR 17-003 that was referenced in PAR 17-003. The staff has evaluated the license amendment documentation supporting LAR 17-003, and has determined that there is sufficient information to accept LAR 17-003, for detailed technical review (ADAMS Accession Number ML17066A204).

The NRC staff has determined that PAR 17-003 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 17-003 and found that it is consistent with the changes from the current licensing basis as requested in LAR 17-003. Therefore, the NRC has no objection to SNC proceeding with the construction of the proposed plant changes identified in Section 7 of the Enclosure to PAR 17-003, pending the outcome of the NRC's detailed technical review of LAR 17-003. SNC acknowledges that if LAR 17-003 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, Paul Kallan, at 301-415-2809 or via e-mail at Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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