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Mr. Joseph Anderson  
Operating Reactors Licensing Outreach Branch  
Division of Preparedness and Response  
Office of the Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: FEMA REVIEW OF SOUTHERN NUCLEAR COMPANY REQUEST FOR  
CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FACILITY RELOCATION

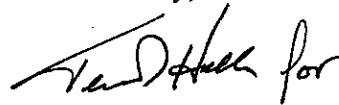
Dear Mr. Anderson:

The FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Program received your letter dated September 13, 2017, requesting FEMA's review of Southern Nuclear Company's (SNC) August 30, 2017, request for a license amendment to relocate the consolidated Emergency Operations Facilities (EOFs) for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant – Units 1 and 2 (Hatch), Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 and 2 (Farley) and Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Units 1 and 2, and planned units 3 and 4 (Vogtle) from the current location of SNC Corporate Headquarters on 40 Inverness Center Parkway Birmingham, Alabama. The proposed location is at the new SNC Corporate Headquarters on 3525 Colondale Parkway in Birmingham, Alabama, which is a 1.3-mile straight line distance from the current location.

The FEMA Region IV REP staff reviewed the proposed relocation of the consolidated EOF to determine the adequacy of offsite radiological emergency plans and preparedness. Hatch, Farley and Vogtle nuclear sites currently participate at the SNC Corporate Headquarters location. The states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama are all in agreeance that this relocation will have no impact on the existing agreements with SNC. The relocation does not result in reduction to the capabilities or functions as they currently exist in the EOF.

Based on our review, FEMA does not find any impediments to Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama emergency response organizations operating effectively from Southern Nuclear Company's new common EOF and offsite radiological emergency plans and preparedness are not negatively impacted by this change. If you have any questions, please contact myself at 202-646-2849 or Timothy Harris III at 202-765-6727.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa E. Quinn for".

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