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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH SOUTHERN NUCLEAR
OPERATING COMPANY ON APRIL 19, 2018

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 1 public meeting with Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) on April 19, 2018. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues associated with the safety review of licensing actions for SNC's Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4.

The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML18082A042. The meeting notice is also posted on the NRC public website. Enclosures 1 and 2 are the meeting agenda and attendance list for the meeting, respectively. The other documents referenced during the discussion can be found at the ADAMS Accession Nos. given below:

- SNC Responses to Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) Closure Notification (ICN) – ML18108A417 and Uncompleted ITAAC Notification (UIN) Comment Status Sheet
- Draft License Amendment Request (LAR) 18-015, Fire Protection System Non-Safety Cable Spray Removal – ML18107A579
- Pre-Submittal Presentation for LAR 18-015 – ML18107A584
- Discussion Topics for LAR 17-037, Changes to Tier 2* Departure Evaluation Process – ML18108A201

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Summary of Meeting:

On April 19, 2018, staff from the NRC conducted a public meeting with representatives from SNC to discuss issues associated with the safety review of licensing actions for SNC's VEGP Units 3 and 4. Specifically, the meeting discussed (1) SNC's responses to the ICN and UIN comment status sheet, (2) draft LAR 18-015, and (3) discussion topics related to LAR 17-037.

The first topic discussed was SNC's responses to the ICN and UIN comment status sheet. The staff discussed that they understood SNC's responses and noted that further discussions were needed at a future public meeting regarding the ITAAC closure documentation for ITAAC Index Nos. 799 through 811. The staff stated that they would provide written feedback to SNC within the next few weeks.

The second topic discussed was draft LAR 18-015. SNC walked through the pre-submittal presentation, noting that the fire protection system (FPS) is a nonsafety-related non-seismic system consisting of fire detection and alarm, fire water supply, and automatic and manual fire suppression to prevent fires and minimize consequences should a fire occur and that the AP1000 containment is a single fire area divided into several fire zones. SNC discussed a summary of the changes proposed in LAR 18-015 and the flame-propagation tests of the fire stop design. SNC noted that the test demonstrated that the passive fire stop prevented flame propagation for 3 hours and that the test setup and results are documented in the test report, which would be made available for the staff to audit, if necessary. The staff noted that they understood SNC's proposed LAR and asked clarifying questions. SNC stated that they would formally submit the LAR within the next few weeks.

The third topic discussed was three discussion topics regarding LAR 17-037, including (a) applicability of the LAR to emergency planning (EP), (b) references in the LAR to consistency with processes being used by other design certification reviews, and (c) applicability of the LAR to instrumentation and controls (I&C).

Regarding the EP discussion topic, the question posed to the licensee was: how would emergency plan changes, controlled by 10 CFR 50.54(q), screen out using the proposed screening criteria that LAR 17-037 proposes? SNC indicated that proposed changes are first screen through an "applicability determination process" to identify appropriate requirements that would apply to the intended changes. Through this screening, items related to EP would be determined to be governed by 10 CFR 50.54(q) and the applicable site process for such EP changes would be used, and not the proposed screening process in LAR 17-037 for Tier 2* items. The staff noted that SNC's response clarified how emergency plan changes would be screened and handled using existing licensee processes to identify the applicable regulatory requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(q), for such EP changes and not the screening criteria that LAR 17-037 proposes. The staff had no additional questions on this discussion topic.

Regarding how the process proposed in LAR 17-037 is consistent with the process being used for current applications for design certifications that contain no Tier 2* information, SNC indicated that the language used in the LAR could be more clear and noted that the intention of the statement is that the outcomes of applying the proposed processes, whatever the processes would be, would result in similar outcomes for information of safety significance that requires NRC approval. The staff noted that they understood SNC's response, but noted that the statement in the submittal is confusing and cannot be used by the staff to support its safety finding. The staff noted that it would consider whether a request for additional information (RAI) is necessary.

Regarding the I&C discussion topic, the staff asked about how the design processes for the Diverse Actuation Systems (DAS) and Component Interface Module (CIM) would be addressed under the proposed license condition proposed in LAR 17-037. SNC noted that (1) the DAS was addressed in AP1000 Tier 1 information, and (2) SNC had considered the CIM to be part of the Protection and Safety Monitoring System (PMS), which they had previously identified as a design process covered by the license condition. The staff responded that it would proceed to issue this question as an RAI.

At the end of each topic discussed, there was an opportunity for the public to provide comments and ask questions. All comments and questions from members of the public were addressed before ending the meeting.

Docket Nos.: 052-025
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Enclosures:
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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)
Thursday, April 19, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

PURPOSE: To discuss issues associated with the safety review of licensing actions for Southern Nuclear Operating Company's (SNC) Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led By</u>
9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks	NRC
9:05 a.m.	Discussion of SNC Responses to Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) Completion Notification (ICN) and Uncompleted ITAAC Notification (UIN) Comment Status Sheet	NRC/SNC
9:30 a.m.	Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC/NRC
9:30 a.m.	Discussion of draft License Amendment Request (LAR) 18-015	NRC/SNC
10:00 a.m.	Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC/NRC
10:00 a.m.	Discussion of Topics Regarding LAR 17-037	NRC/SNC
11:00 a.m.	Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC/NRC
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn	

Enclosure 1

PUBLIC MEETING
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Thursday, April 19, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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