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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT UNITS 3 AND 4 — ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS AND GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS REGARDING UNQUALIFIED SERVICE LEVEL I COATINGS PROGRAM (LAR-17-039) (EPID L-2017-LLA-0376)

Dear Mr. Whitley:

In response to your application dated November 3, 2017, titled, "Request for License Amendment and Exemption: Unqualified Service Level I Coatings Program (LAR-17-039)," designated License Amendment Request (LAR) 17-039, and supplemented March 28, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted the enclosed exemptions and issued the enclosed Amendment Nos. 131 and 130 to Combined Licenses (COL) Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for Southern Nuclear Operating Company's (SNC) Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, respectively.

The amendments authorize SNC to depart from the plant-specific Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 2 information as incorporated into the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR). The changes to plant-specific Tier 2 material contained within the UFSAR include describing an administrative program to manage unqualified inorganic zinc coatings in Service Level I areas of the VEGP Units 3 and 4 containment buildings.

The exemptions allow departures from elements of the information in Tier 1 (and associated COL Appendix C) of the COL that originated in the AP1000 DCD, as discussed in LAR-17-039. These exemptions are related to, and necessary for, the granting of the amendments which are being issued concurrently.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation, which includes the evaluation of the amendments and exemptions, is also enclosed. The notice of issuance of the amendment and exemption documents included in this letter will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Docket Nos.: 52-025
52-026

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 131 to VEGP Unit 3 COL
2. Amendment No. 130 to VEGP Unit 4 COL
3. Exemption for License Amendment No. 131
to VEGP Unit 3 COL
4. Exemption for License Amendment No. 130
to VEGP Unit 4 COL
5. Safety Evaluation

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