

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 1 – NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Eric Tew:

During the week of January 21 – January 25, 2019, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will perform an inspection of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1, in accordance with Operating Experience Smart Sample 2018/01, “Evaluation of Licensee Actions Taken in Response to 10CFR Part 21 Notification of Potential Existence of Defects Related to Control Rod Drive Mechanism (CRDM) Thermal Sleeves” (ML18263A261). The NRC requests that the information requested in Section A be provided to the lead inspector no later than January 14, 2019. If there are any questions about this inspection, or the material requested, please contact the lead inspector, Steven Downey, at (404) 997-4830 or Steven.Downey@nrc.gov or the Engineering Branch 3 Chief, Brian Bonser at (404) 997-4653.

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Inspection Procedure: 71152, "Problem Identification and Resolution"

Sample: Operating Experience Smart Sample (OPESS) 2018/01, Evaluation of Licensee Actions Taken in Response to 10 CFR Part 21 Notification of the Potential Existence of Defects Related to Control Rod Drive Mechanism (CRDM) Thermal Sleeves

Inspection Dates: January 21-25, 2019 (in-office inspection)

Inspector: Steven Downey, Sr. Reactor Inspector

The inspector will need the information requested (as indicated below) prior to the inspection. Please provide the requested information by January 14, 2019. If possible, provide the requested information electronically (i.e., Certrec, FTP, DVD/CD, web).

A. Unit(s) for which the recommended actions described in NSAL 18-1 have been completed

1. Provide the date or Refueling Outage during which the flange wear measurements were taken.
2. Briefly describe the method used to perform the thermal sleeve measurement.
3. Was as-built information used for the reference point in determining the thermal sleeve lowering values?
4. For each unit, provide the following information for each CRDM location*:
 - i. CRDM Location Identifier
 - ii. Acceptance criteria
 - iii. As built measurement (or as designed measurement) (if available)
 - iv. As-found wear
 - v. Wear rate
 - vi. Re-inspection frequency
 - vii. Acceptance criteria exceeded? (Yes/No)
 - viii. If acceptance criteria exceeded, has flange separation occurred? (Yes/No)
5. Provide a copy of the document used to determine the acceptance criteria.
6. For each location that wear measurements were above the acceptance criteria, but flange separation has not occurred, briefly describe what actions were taken.
7. For each location where flange separation has occurred, briefly describe what actions were taken to mitigate the issue and provide any associated documents and procedures.

*Note that, as stated in OPESS 2018/01, the inspector will provide this information to the program office. Please mark the submittal documents appropriately (proprietary vs non-proprietary).

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Mr. Tew,

Attached is the Information Request for the baseline PI&R sample (OpESS 2018/01) inspection for Vogtle Unit 1 scheduled for the week of January 21-25, 2019. Please let me know that you received this request. If there are any questions about this inspection or the material requested, please contact me via email, or at the phone number or address included below.

Regards,

Steve

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