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**Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4  
Pressurized Thermal Shock (PTS) Evaluation**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with combined operating license (COL) condition 2.D(12)(g)5 of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 Combined Licenses, Numbers NPF-91 and NPF-92, respectively, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) is submitting a copy of the VEGP Units 3 and 4 Pressurized Thermal Shock (PTS) Evaluation.

This letter contains no regulatory commitments. This letter has been reviewed and confirmed to contain no security-related information. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Corey Thomas at (205) 992-5221.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 10th day of April 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosure 1**

**Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4**

**Pressurized Thermal Shock (PTS) Evaluation**

**(This enclosure consists of 7 pages, including this cover page.)**

The purpose of this enclosure is to document the required Vogtle Units 3 and 4 reactor vessel (RV) integrity pressurized thermal shock (PTS) compliance with 10 CFR 50.61 [1] and the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 UFSAR (plant-specific DCD) [2] using the measured as-built material properties from the Certified Material Test Reports (CMTRs). This evaluation fulfills Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) combined operating license (COL) Commitment 2.D(12)(g)5. There have been no changes between the approved DCD Rev. 19 document and the current UFSAR Subsections 5.3.3.1 and Tables 5.3-1 and 5.3-3 that would impact the original COL commitment.

The PTS reference temperatures ( $RT_{PTS}$ ) calculated with the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 actual RV chemical and mechanical properties from the CMTRs are below the  $RT_{PTS}$  screening criteria values of 270°F for plates, forgings, and longitudinal welds, and 300°F for circumferential welds at 56 EFPY. This satisfies 10 CFR 50.61 [1] and the UFSAR [2]. A comparison of the plant specific  $RT_{PTS}$  values to the screening limits is provided in Table 1. Tables 5 and 6 contain the  $RT_{PTS}$  calculations for each of the beltline materials for the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 at 56 effective full power years (EFPY).

The scope of this assessment includes the beltline material for Vogtle Units 3 and 4. The beltline materials are those that will receive a fluence greater than  $10^{17}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup> ( $E > 1.0$  MeV) during the 40-year licensed operating period. For the AP1000® units, the beltline materials include:

- Upper Shell (US) Forging,
- Lower Shell (LS) Forging,
- Transition Ring (TR), and
- the welds connecting these components

The initial  $RT_{NDT}$  values and best-estimate Cu and Ni weight % values for the RV beltline materials are provided in Table 2 for Vogtle Unit 3 and in Table 3 for Vogtle Unit 4.

The neutron fluence values used to calculate the  $RT_{PTS}$  are provided in Table 4. These fluence values represent the projected fluence at 56 EFPY for Vogtle Units 3 and 4 at clad/base metal interface for RV beltline materials, and are taken from APP-RXS-M3C-026 [3]. The use of 56 EFPY fluence values is conservative compared to a 40-year life, and the 54 EFPY term defined in Table 5.3-3 of the UFSAR [2] for the 60-year design life.

**Table 1**  
**Comparison of Plant Specific  $RT_{PTS}$  with the Bounding  $RT_{PTS}$  Values**

Material	$RT_{PTS}$ (°F)		
	Vogtle Unit 3 [Table 5]	Vogtle Unit 4 [Table 6]	10 CFR 50.61 [1] & UFSAR [2]
Upper Shell (US)	29	23	< 270
Lower Shell (LS)	39	19	< 270
Transition Ring (TR)	13	23	< 270
US-to LS-Circumferential (Circ.) Weld	-18	-18	< 300
LS-to-TR Circ. Weld	-13	-13	< 300

**Table 2**  
**Material Properties for the Vogtle Unit 3 Reactor Vessel Beltline Materials<sup>(a)</sup>**

Material Description	Chemical Composition <sup>(b)</sup>		Fracture Toughness Properties
	Cu Wt. %	Ni Wt. %	Initial RT <sub>NDT</sub> <sup>(c)</sup> (°F)
US Forging 08W172-1-1	0.03	0.76	-20
LS Forging 09W4-1-1	0.03	0.76	-20
Transition Ring 08D1090-1-1	0.03	0.75	-40
US-to-LS Circumferential Weld US-40N (Heat # GZ005499727) with PF-H55SN Flux (Lot # OKGY610)	0.02	0.02	-70
LS-to-TR Circ. Weld US-40N (Heat # GZ005499727) with PF-H55SN Flux (Lot # OKGY610)	0.02	0.02	-70

Notes for Table 2:

- (a) All values were obtained from CMTRs.
- (b) The best-estimate chemical composition values listed here are the maximum of the material's product analyses as documented in the CMTRs.
- (c) All initial RT<sub>NDT</sub> values are based on measured data.

**Table 3**  
**Material Properties for the Vogtle Unit 4 Reactor Vessel Beltline Materials<sup>(a)</sup>**

Material Description	Chemical Composition <sup>(b)</sup>		Fracture Toughness Properties
	Cu Wt. %	Ni Wt. %	Initial RT <sub>NDT</sub> <sup>(c)</sup> (°F)
US Forging F09173 010	0.04	0.83	-40
LS Forging F09174 010	0.03	0.84	-40
Transition Ring F09175 010	0.03	0.78	-30
US-to-LS Circumferential Weld US-40N (Heat # GZ005499727) with PF-H55SN Flux (Lot # OKGY610)	0.02	0.02	-70
LS-to-TR Circ. Weld US-40N (Heat # GZ005499727) with PF-H55SN Flux (Lot # OKGY610)	0.02	0.02	-70

Notes for Table 3:

- (a) All values were obtained from CMTRs.
- (b) The best-estimate chemical composition values listed here are the maximum of the material's product analyses as documented in the CMTRs.
- (c) All initial RT<sub>NDT</sub> values are based on measured data.

**Table 4**  
**Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Calculated Pressure Vessel**  
**Clad/Base Metal Interface Fast Neutron Fluence**

Reactor Vessel Material	Fluence, n/cm <sup>2</sup> (E > 1.0 MeV)
	56 EFPY <sup>(a)</sup>
US Forging <sup>(b)</sup>	2.24 x 10 <sup>19</sup>
LS Forging	7.32 x 10 <sup>19</sup>
Transition Ring <sup>(c)</sup>	3.54 x 10 <sup>19</sup>
US-to-LS Circ. Weld	2.24 x 10 <sup>19</sup>
LS-to-TR Circ. Weld	3.54 x 10 <sup>19</sup>

Notes for Table 4:

- (a) All fluence values are taken from APP-RXS-M3C-026, Revision 1 [3].
- (b) US Forging fluence value is conservatively deemed equivalent to the US-to-LS-Circ. Weld fluence value.
- (c) Transition Ring fluence value is conservatively deemed equivalent to the LS-to-TR Circ. Weld fluence value.

**Table 5**  
**Calculation of the Vogtle Unit 3 RT<sub>PTS</sub> Values for 56 EFPY**

Reactor Vessel Material	CF <sup>(a)</sup> (°F)	Fluence <sup>(b)</sup> (x10 <sup>19</sup> n/cm <sup>2</sup> , E > 1.0 MeV)	FF <sup>(c)</sup>	RT <sub>NDT(U)</sub> <sup>(d)</sup> (°F)	ΔRT <sub>NDT</sub> <sup>(e)</sup> (°F)	σ <sub>U</sub> <sup>(d)</sup> (°F)	σ <sub>Δ</sub> <sup>(f)</sup> (°F)	Margin <sup>(g)</sup> (°F)	RT <sub>PTS</sub> <sup>(h)</sup> (°F)
US Forging 08W172-1-1	20	2.24	1.2184	-20	24.4	0	12.2	24.4	29
LS Forging 09W4-1-1	20	7.32	1.4700	-20	29.4	0	14.7	29.4	39
Transition Ring 08D1090-1-1	20	3.54	1.3292	-40	26.6	0	13.3	26.6	13
US-to-LS Circ. Weld US-40N (Heat # GZ005499727) with PF-H55SN Flux (Lot # 0KGY610)	21.5	2.24	1.2184	-70	26.2	0	13.1	26.2	-18
LS-to-TR Circ. Weld US-40N (Heat # GZ005499727) with PF-H55SN Flux (Lot # 0KGY610)	21.5	3.54	1.3292	-70	28.6	0	14.3	28.6	-13

Notes for Table 5:

- (a) Values determined using the chemical compositions from Table 2 of this letter in conjunction with Tables 1 and 2 of 10 CFR 50.61 [1].
- (b) Taken from Table 4 of this letter.
- (c) FF = fluence factor =  $f^{(0.28 - 0.1 \log(f))}$ ; per 10 CFR 50.61 [1].
- (d) Initial RT<sub>NDT</sub> values are taken from Table 2 of this letter. All initial RT<sub>NDT</sub> values are based on material-specific measured data; therefore, σ<sub>U</sub> = 0°F consistent with WCAP-14040-A [4].
- (e) ΔRT<sub>NDT</sub> = CF \* FF; per 10 CFR 50.61 [1].
- (f) Per 10 CFR 50.61 [1], σ<sub>Δ</sub> = 17°F for the base metal and σ<sub>Δ</sub> = 28°F for the weld metal; however, σ<sub>Δ</sub> need not exceed 0.5\*ΔRT<sub>NDT</sub>.
- (g) Margin =  $2\sqrt{\sigma_U^2 + \sigma_\Delta^2}$ ; per 10 CFR 50.61 [1].
- (h) RT<sub>PTS</sub> values calculated in accordance with 10 CFR 50.61 [1].



**Table 6**  
**Calculation of the Vogtle Unit 4 RT<sub>PTS</sub> Values for 56 EFPY**

Reactor Vessel Material	CF <sup>(a)</sup> (°F)	Fluence <sup>(b)</sup> (x10 <sup>19</sup> n/cm <sup>2</sup> , E > 1.0 MeV)	FF <sup>(c)</sup>	RT <sub>NDT(U)</sub> <sup>(d)</sup> (°F)	ΔRT <sub>NDT</sub> <sup>(e)</sup> (°F)	σ <sub>U</sub> <sup>(d)</sup> (°F)	σ <sub>Δ</sub> <sup>(f)</sup> (°F)	Margin <sup>(g)</sup> (°F)	RT <sub>PTS</sub> <sup>(h)</sup> (°F)
US Forging F09173 010	26	2.24	1.2184	-40	31.7	0	15.8	31.7	23
LS Forging F09174 010	20	7.32	1.4700	-40	29.4	0	14.7	29.4	19
Transition Ring F09175 010	20	3.54	1.3292	-30	26.6	0	13.3	26.6	23
US-to-LS Circ. Weld US-40N (Heat # GZ005499727) with PF-H55SN Flux (Lot # 0KGY610)	21.5	2.24	1.2184	-70	26.2	0	13.1	26.2	-18
LS-to-TR Circ. Weld US-40N (Heat # GZ005499727) with PF-H55SN Flux (Lot # 0KGY610)	21.5	3.54	1.3292	-70	28.6	0	14.3	28.6	-13

Notes for Table 6:

- (a) Values determined using the chemical compositions from Table 3 of this letter in conjunction with Tables 1 and 2 of 10 CFR 50.61 [1].
- (b) Taken from Table 4 of this letter.
- (c) FF = fluence factor =  $f^{(0.28 - 0.1 \log(f))}$ ; per 10 CFR 50.61 [1].
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- (h) RT<sub>PTS</sub> values calculated in accordance with 10 CFR 50.61 [1].

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