



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION II
245 PEACHTREE CENTER AVENUE N.E., SUITE 1200
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-1200

March 11, 2026

EAI-RII-2026-0004

Mr. Steven Katic
[HOME ADDRESS DELETED
UNDER 10 CFR 2.390(a)]

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, EAI-RII-2026-0004

Dear Steven Katic:

This letter refers to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC's) review of the information provided by Southern Nuclear Company (SNC) on June 10, 2025, regarding your activities as a licensed operator at Vogtle Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (VNP). On that date, SNC informed the NRC that you had violated a condition of your operator license during the period from March 2024 to June 2025.

In a letter dated February 4, 2026 (accessible in NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) via accession number ML26027A339), we informed you that the NRC had identified an apparent violation and provided you with the opportunity to address it by either attending a predecisional enforcement conference (PEC) or by providing a written response before we made our final enforcement decision. In a letter dated March 2, 2026, you provided a written response to the apparent violation. Additionally, on March 3, 2026, during a telephone conversation with Joel Rivera-Ortiz, NRC Region II's Senior Enforcement Specialist, you confirmed that you wished to submit a written response only and not attend a PEC.

Based on the information developed during our review and the information you provided in your response, the NRC determined that a violation of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 55.53 occurred for your failure to meet a condition of your license while you were performing licensed activities at VNP. This was demonstrated by the information and statements you provided to the NRC in your written response dated March 2, 2026, and to SNC staff during their investigation. The violation involved your failure to meet a medical condition imposed on your license that required you to take medication to control a disqualifying condition. This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

The purpose of the Commission's requirements is to provide reasonable assurance that the medical condition and general health of licensed operators will not adversely affect the performance of assigned job duties or cause operational errors endangering public health and safety. The failure to follow the conditions of an operator license is a serious matter which undermines the special trust and confidence placed in you as a licensed operator. Therefore, this violation is categorized as a Severity Level III violation in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's website at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>.

Since SNC requested the NRC to terminate your license on July 15, 2025, you are not required to respond to the enclosed Notice at this time unless you wish to contest the violation. If you choose to contest the violation, a response is required within 30 days of the date of this letter, addressing the specific basis for disputing the violation. Additionally, if you reapply for a 10 CFR Part 55 license in the future, you will be required, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, to submit a written response to this violation as specified in the enclosed Notice. In any case, your response should be sent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Regional Administrator, NRC Region II, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE (Suite 1200), Atlanta, GA 30303-1257; and be marked *Open by Addressee Only - Response to a Notice of Violation; EAI-RII-2026-0004*.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," enforcement actions are made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. A copy of this letter and the enclosed Notice of Violation with your address removed will be made available to the public. The NRC also includes significant enforcement actions on its website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/enforcement/actions/>.

In addition, this letter will be maintained by the Office of Enforcement in an NRC Privacy Act system of records, NRC-3, Enforcement Actions Against Individuals. This system, which is not publicly accessible, includes all records pertaining to individuals who are being or have been considered for enforcement action, whether such action was taken or not. Detailed information about this system of records, including the NRC-3 system notice, can be accessed from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/privacy-systems.html>. Finally, a copy of this letter will be placed in your 10 CFR Part 55 docket file.

If you have any questions related to this matter, please contact Matthew Endress, Chief, Operations Branch, NRC Region II, at 404-997-4718, or via email at Matthew.Endress@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Franke, Mark
on 03/11/26

Mark E. Franke, Director
Division of Operating Reactor Safety

Docket No. 55-73521
License No. OP-503167

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Notice of Violation
cc w/Enclosure and with HOME ADDRESS DELETED:
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, EAI-RII-2026-0004, DATED MARCH 11, 2026

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mr. Steven Katic
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UNDER 10 CFR 2.390]

Docket No. 55-73521
License No. OP-503167
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As a result of a notification from Southern Nuclear Company (SNC) on June 10, 2025, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, the violation is listed below:

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Part 55, section 55.3 requires that a person must be authorized by a license issued by the Commission to perform the function of an operator or senior operator as defined in this part.

10 CFR 55.33(b) requires, in part that if an applicant's general medical condition does not meet the minimum standards under 10 CFR 55.33(a)(1), the Commission may approve the application and include conditions in the license to accommodate the medical defect.

10 CFR 55.53(l) states that a licensee (licensed operator) shall comply with any other conditions that the Commission may impose to protect health or to minimize danger to life or property.

Operator License OP-503167, issued to you, states in part that the license holder shall take medication as prescribed to maintain medical qualifications.

Contrary to the above, between March 2024 and July 2025, you, as a licensed operator at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, performed the function of an operator as defined in 10 CFR Part 55 without complying with a condition imposed on your license that required you to take medications as prescribed. Specifically, you ceased taking a medication prescribed to control a disqualifying condition without medical consultation and without informing SNC staff that you did so. In this time frame, you engaged in licensed activities by standing watch as either an At-the-Controls operator or a Balance-of-Plant operator.

This is a Severity Level III violation (NRC Enforcement Policy, Section 6.4.c.6)

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Enclosure

Your response, if any, will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room and in the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy or proprietary information so that it can be made available to the public without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.390(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information).

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Dated this 11TH Day of March 2026