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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: NRC Operations Center  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

<b>Facility:</b> Hatch	<b>Emergency Class:</b> Non-Emergency
<b>Unit(s):</b> 1&2	<b>10 CFR Section:</b> 21.21(d)(3)(i) - Defects and Noncompliance

### Initial 10 CFR 21 Notification – Incorrect Length of Spent Fuel Pool Transfer Canal Seals

This is a non-emergency notification required by 10 CFR 21.21(d)(3)(i). A written report in accordance with 10 CFR 21.21(d)(3)(ii) will be provided within 30 days.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) has determined there is evidence of two Pawling Engineered Products (Pawling EP) spent fuel pool transfer canal seals (SNC part numbers 609100 and 1433155) being of incorrect length for proper installation. The lengths did not meet the specifications of the purchase order nor did they match the documentation received.

The evaluation of the deviation determined that a Substantial Safety Hazard could have been created by the incorrect lengths in the Pawling EP spent fuel pool transfer canal seals utilized at Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP) were they installed and left uncorrected. While the nature of the seal length errors had the potential to impact spent fuel pool water level, SNC has verified that none of the nonconforming seals were used at HNP and were instead returned to the vendor for remediation.

The NRC Senior Resident Inspector has been notified.

Sincerely,

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