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June 25, 2004

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Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Jeffrey T. Gasser, Vice President
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant

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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT - NRC PHYSICAL SECURITY
BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000424/2004009, 05000425/2004009

Dear Mr. Gasser:

On May 27, 2004, the NRC completed an inspection at your Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. Portions of the access authorization inspection were completed at the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Corporate Office from May 24-26, 2004. The enclosed report documents the inspection findings, which were discussed on May 27 and June 24, 2004, with Mr. W. F. Kitchens and other members of your staff.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your licenses as they relate to safety and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your licenses. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

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Exempt from public release under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Ref: 2.390(d)(1)

Nuclear Regulatory Commission review required before public release.

Determination made by:

Anne T. Boland, Chief, PSB, DRS, RII

Date 06/24/04

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Anne T. Boland, Chief
Plant Support Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68, NPF-81

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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report No. 05000424/2004009, 05000425/2004009
w/Attachment: Supplemental Information (**Safeguards Information**)

cc w/encl:
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