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NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Manager at Southern Nuclear for Discrimination at Vogtle New Reactor Construction Site

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a Confirmatory Order to a manager at the Southern Nuclear Company Vogtle Units 3 and 4 construction site for actions taken against an employee who had previously raised safety concerns at the site, near Waynesboro, Ga.

The NRC concluded the manager violated the agency's employee protection regulations by having the employee removed from the Vogtle site in July 2017 knowing the employee had previously raised concerns about safety-related welding and other issues. The employee's employment was terminated the following day.

The NRC's June 12, 2019, violation letter to the manager followed normal practice in offering a mediated settlement through the agency's [alternative dispute resolution](#) process. The Confirmatory Order enforces the results of that settlement, which include the manager waiving hearing rights in this matter. The manager committed to formally discuss a failure to meet employee protection rules at multiple industry forums, as well as in a printed article for publication to an industry forum. The NRC will review the presentations and article to ensure they comply with the Confirmatory Order. As part of the mediation process, the NRC agrees to forego additional enforcement action on this issue. Further details of the settlement are contained in the [Confirmatory Order](#).