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License Nos. DPR-57, NPF-5

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Report Nos: 05000321/2007-501 and 05000366/2007-501

Licensee: Southern Nuclear Company

Facility: Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant Unit 1 and Unit 2

Location: 11030 Hatch Parkway North  
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Dates: August 20 - 24, 2007

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Enclosure

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000321/2007501 AND 05000366/2007501; 08/20/2007-08/24/2007; Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2; Exercise Evaluation

The report covered an announced inspection by three emergency preparedness inspectors. The NRC's program for overseeing the safe operation of commercial nuclear power reactors is described in NUREG-1649, "Reactor Oversight Process," Revision 4, dated December 2006.

A. NRC-Identified and Self-Revealing Findings

Cornerstone: Emergency Preparedness

No findings of significance were identified.

B. Licensee-Identified Violations.

None

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## REPORT DETAILS

### 1. REACTOR SAFETY

Cornerstone: Emergency Preparedness

#### 1EP1 Exercise Evaluation

##### a. Inspection Scope

Prior to the inspection activity, the inspectors conducted an in-office review of the exercise objectives and scenario submitted to the NRC to determine if the exercise would test major elements of the emergency plan as required by 10 CFR 50.47(b)(14). This inspection activity represents one sample on a biennial cycle.

The onsite inspection consisted of the following review and assessment:

- The adequacy of the licensee's performance in the biennial exercise conducted on August 22, 2007, was reviewed and assessed regarding the implementation of the Risk Significant Planning Standards (RSPSs) in 10 CFR 50.47 (b)(4), (5), (9), and (10), which address emergency classification, offsite notification, radiological assessment, and protective action recommendations, respectively.
- The overall adequacy of the licensee's emergency response facilities with regard to NUREG-0696, "Functional Criteria for Emergency Response Facilities" and Emergency Plan commitments. The facilities assessed were the Control Room simulator, Technical Support Center (TSC), Operations Support Center (OSC) and Emergency Operations Facility (EOF).
- Other performance areas besides the RSPS, such as the emergency response organization's (ERO) recognition of abnormal plant conditions, command and control, intra- and inter-facility communications, prioritization of mitigation activities, utilization of repair and field monitoring teams, interface with offsite agencies, and the overall implementation of the emergency plan and its implementing procedures.
- Past performance issues from NRC inspection reports and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) exercise reports to determine effectiveness of corrective actions as demonstrated during this exercise to ensure compliance with 10 CFR 50.47(b)(14).
- The post-exercise critique process and the presentation to the licensee's senior management conducted on August 24, 2007, to evaluate the licensee's self-assessment of its ERO performance during the exercise and to ensure compliance with 10 CFR 50 Appendix E.IV.F.2.g.

The inspectors reviewed various documents which are listed in the Attachment to this report.

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b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

1EP4 Emergency Action Level (EAL) and Emergency Plan Changes

a. Inspection Scope

Since the last NRC inspection of this program area, Revisions 25 and 26 of Hatch Emergency Plan were implemented based on the licensee's determination, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q), that the changes resulted in no decrease in the effectiveness of the Plan, and that the revised Plan continued to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50.47(b) and Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50. The inspector conducted a review of the Plan changes to evaluate for potential decreases in effectiveness of the Plan. This review was not documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and does not constitute formal NRC approval of the changes. Therefore, these changes remain subject to future NRC inspection in their entirety.

The inspection was conducted in accordance with NRC Inspection Procedure 71114, Attachment 04, "Emergency Action Level and Emergency Plan Changes". The applicable planning standard 10 CFR 50.47(b)(4) and related requirements contained in 10 CFR 50.54(q) and Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50 were used as reference criteria. This inspection activity represents one sample on an annual cycle.

The inspector reviewed various documents which are listed in the Attachment to this report.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

4OA1 Performance Indicator (PI) Verification

a. Inspection Scope

Cornerstone: Emergency Preparedness

The inspectors reviewed the licensee's process for developing the data for the three Emergency Preparedness PIs listed below, and examined data reported to the NRC for three-quarters from July 1, 2006 to June 31, 2007. To verify the accuracy of the PI data reported during that period, PI definitions and guidance contained in NEI 99-02, "Regulatory Assessment Performance Indicator Guideline," Revision 4, were used to substantiate the basis in reporting for each data element.

- Drill and Exercise Performance (DEP)
- Emergency Response Organization (ERO) Drill Participation
- Alert and Notification System (ANS) Reliability

The inspectors verified the accuracy of the PI for DEP through review of a sample of drill and event records. The inspectors reviewed selected training records to verify the accuracy of the PI for ERO drill participation for personnel assigned to key positions in the ERO. The inspectors verified the accuracy of the PI for ANS reliability through review of a sample of the records of periodic system tests.

The inspection was conducted in accordance with NRC Inspection Procedure 71151, "Performance Indicator Verification." This inspection activity represents three samples on an annual cycle.

The inspectors reviewed various documents which are listed in the Attachment to this report.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

4OA6 Meetings, Including Exit

On August 24, 2007, the lead inspector for the emergency preparedness inspection presented the inspection results to Mr. D. Madison, Vice President - Hatch, and other members of his staff. The inspectors confirmed that proprietary information was not provided or taken during the inspection.

ATTACHMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

#### Licensee personnel

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S. Douglas, Plant Manager  
M. Ajluni, Site Support Manager  
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K. Underwood, Performance Analysis Supervisor  
R. Reddick, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator  
C. Brown, Corporate Emergency Preparedness Coordinator  
C. Coop, Nuclear Specialist

### ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED, AND DISCUSSED

#### Opened

None

#### Closed

None

#### Discussed

None

### LIST OF DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

#### Section 1EP1: Exercise Evaluation

##### Procedures

73EP-EIP-001-0, Emergency Classification and Initial Actions, Rev. 15.5  
73EP-EIP-004-0, Duties of Emergency Director, Rev. 9.3  
NMP-EP-109, Protective Action Recommendations, Version 1.0  
73EP-EIP-005-0, On-Shift Operations Personnel Emergency Duties, Rev. 10  
73EP-EIP-015-0, Offsite Dose Assessment, Rev. 7.2  
73EP-EIP-018-0, Prompt Offsite Dose Assessment, Rev. 8.3  
73EP-EIP-063-0, Technical Support Center Activation, Rev. 9.0  
73EP-EIP-073-0, Offsite Emergency Notifications, Rev. 19.0

Records and Data

All Simulator Control Room logs and classification and notification documentation.

All TSC logs and data (including classification and notification documentation)

All EOF logs and data (including core damage assessment, Rad release calculations, PARs, notification documentation)

All OSC logs

Condition Reports

2007108000 Simulator Drywell Chiller Post-LOCA response was not correct.

2007108043 Error exists in Table J-3 Protective Action Recommendations revision 26.0, missing word "dangerous?"

2007108041 73EP-EIP-001-0 (Ver. 15.5) and 73EP-EIP-004-0 (Ver. 9.3) do not reflect the organizational title changes of those who can assume the role of Emergency Director

2007108044 Notification of Alert did not begin until 17 minutes after declaration. Radiological data on GE notification did not support declaration, Notification times on SAE and GE is not actual notification times.

2007108049 Field monitoring teams did not take needed air sampling equipment when leaving plant site.

2007108050 Incorrect isotopic mix was utilized for 4 dose projections in the TSC and EOF. Release identified at 1001, but dose projections should have identified after 0930.

Section 1EP4: Emergency Action Level (EAL) and Emergency Plan Changes

Plans and Changes packages

Radiological Emergency Plan , Rev. 25 and 26

Change package for Radiological Emergency Plan, Rev. 25 and 26

73EP-EIP-001-0, Emergency Classification and Initial Actions, Rev. 15.3 and 15.4

Change package for EPIP-1, Emergency Classification Procedure, Rev. 41 and 42

Change package for EPIP-13, Dose Assessment, Rev. 13

Change package for EPIP-6, Activation and Operation of the TSC, Rev. 25

Change package for EPIP-7, Activation and Operation of the OSC, Rev. 24

Change package for EPIP-8, Personnel Accountability and Evacuation, Rev. 25

Section 4OA1: Performance Indicator (PI) VerificationRecords and Data

Reviewed the Siren data from 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006 to 2<sup>st</sup> quarter 2007

Reviewed the ERO data from 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006 to 2<sup>st</sup> quarter 2007

Reviewed the DEP data from 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006 to 2<sup>st</sup> quarter 2007

LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

ANS	Alert and Notification System
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DEP	Drill and Exercise Performance
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
EAL	Emergency Action Level
EOF	Emergency Operations Facility
ERO	Emergency Response Organization
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
OSC	Operations Support Center
PI	Performance Indicator
RSPS	Risk Significant Planning Standard
TSC	Technical Support Center