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Dated: March 19, 2008.

**Michael C. Collins,**

*Executive Director.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Withdrawal of Request for Public Comment on a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal of request for public comment on a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), originally published in the **Federal Register:** March 19, 2008 (Volume 73, Number 54), page 14847.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) withdraws the notice of the request for public comment on a Draft PEA for the OOI. The notice was erroneously published (**Federal Register:** March 19, 2008 [Volume 73, Number 54], page 14847) prior to the release of the Draft PEA.

**DATES:** Effective immediately.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Shelby Walker, National Science Foundation, Division of Ocean Sciences, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 725, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) withdraws the notice of the request for public comment on a Draft PEA for the OOI. The notice was erroneously published (**Federal Register:** March 19, 2008 [Volume 73, Number 54], page 14847) prior to the release of the Draft PEA.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-011-ESP; ASLBP No. 07-850-01-ESP-BD01]

### Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel; In the Matter of Southern Nuclear Operating Co.; (Early Site Permit for Vogtle ESP Site); Memorandum and Order; (Notice of Opportunity To Make Oral or Written Limited Appearance Statements)

March 20, 2008.

Before the Licensing Board: G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman, Nicholas G. Trikouros, Dr. James F. Jackson.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hereby gives notice that, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.315(a), it will entertain oral limited appearance statements from members of the public in connection with this proceeding in which applicant Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) seeks an early site permit (ESP) under 10 CFR Part 52 for an additional two reactors at the site of its existing Vogtle Electric Generating Plant near Waynesboro, Georgia. The ESP application involves various site safety issues, environmental protection issues, and plans for coping with emergencies that, if resolved in favor of SNC, generally would not be subject to relitigation if SNC later applies under Part 52 for a combined operating license that would authorize it to construct and operate the additional reactors at the Vogtle site.

#### A. Date, Time, and Location of Oral Limited Appearance Statement Sessions

These sessions will be on the following dates at the specified location and times:

1. Date: Sunday, April 27, 2008 (if there is sufficient interest).

Time: 4 to 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Location: DoubleTree Hotel and Convention Center, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, Georgia.

2. Date: Monday, April 28, 2008 (if there is sufficient interest).

Time: Evening Session—7 to 9 p.m. EDT.

Location: Same as Session 1 above.

#### B. Participation Guidelines for Oral Limited Appearance Statements

Any person not a party, or the representative of a party, to the proceeding will be permitted to make an oral statement setting forth his or her position on matters of concern relating to this proceeding. Although these statements do not constitute testimony

or evidence, they nonetheless may help the Licensing Board and/or the parties in their consideration of the issues in this proceeding.

In that regard, the contested issues currently before the Board in this proceeding that have been raised by the Joint Intervenors<sup>1</sup> concern facility cooling system impacts on aquatic resources and implementing a dry cooling system as a design alternative. Additionally, in accord with the agency's regulations governing ESP proceedings, this Board will at a later time be conducting a so-called "mandatory" hearing in which it will consider whether, with respect to those safety and environmental matters associated with the SNC ESP application that are not the subject of contested issues raised by intervenors, the NRC Staff performed an adequate review of the SNC application and made findings relative to that review with reasonable support in logic and fact.

Oral limited appearance statements will be entertained during the hours specified above, or such lesser time as may be necessary to accommodate the speakers who are present. In this regard, if all scheduled and unscheduled speakers present at a session have made a presentation, the Licensing Board reserves the right to terminate the session before the ending times listed above. The Board also reserves the right to cancel the Sunday afternoon and/or Monday evening sessions scheduled above if there has not been a sufficient showing of public interest as reflected by the number of preregistered speakers.

Any member of the public who plans to attend the limited appearance sessions is strongly advised to arrive early to allow time to pass through any security measures that may be employed. Attendees are also requested not to bring any unnecessary hand-carried items, such as packages, briefcases, backpacks, or other items that might need to be examined individually. Items that could readily be used as weapons will not be permitted in the rooms where these sessions will be held. Also, during these sessions, signs no larger than 18 inches by 18 inches will be permitted, but may not be attached to sticks, held over one's head, or moved about in the room.

The time allotted for each statement normally will be no more than five minutes. Nonetheless, to ensure everyone will have an opportunity to speak, the time allotted for each

<sup>1</sup>Joint Intervenors include the Center for a Sustainable Coast, Savannah Riverkeeper, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Atlanta Women's Action for New Directions, and Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League.