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Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Comments on Draft Revision to NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 9900
69 Federal Register 46599 dated August 3, 2004

Dear Sir:

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC), the licensed operator for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant and the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, has reviewed the draft revision to NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 9900, "Technical Guidance, Operability Determinations and Resolution of Nonconformances of Structures, Systems, and Components" (Regulatory Issue Summary 2004-XX) published in the Federal Register on August 3, 2004. In response to the request for comments, SNC is in total agreement with the comments of the Nuclear Energy Institute.

Sincerely,

JTG/JMG

cc: Southern Nuclear Operating Company

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