



# The RCC Bulletin

## Vogtle 3&4 news at your fingertips



## News Feed

### Get an update through text!

Text "Hours" to (762) 200-1971 to sign up for weekly updates on how much remaining time off you have.

### Site phone numbers

As we continue to monitor COVID-19, we want to remind you of important site phone numbers you may need:

- Flu hotline (706) 437-7600:** This hotline is for questions about upper respiratory and flu-like symptoms. Flu-like symptoms include cough, fever, and shortness of breath. If you call the flu hotline with symptoms, call your supervisor as well.
- RCC call-in (844) 844-4469:** This line handles RCC workers calls for unscheduled absence or tardiness. Employees should also call this number to report non-flu like illnesses.
- Job conditions (855) 348-6483:** This line gives employees the current site conditions, including if it is open or if hours have changed.

### Monitor your health

Stay home if you are feeling sick. This helps your teammates stay healthy. If you are feeling sick, contact the flu hotline at (706) 437-7600 or seek medical attention.

### Medical Clinic hours

The on-site medical clinic is open Monday through Saturday from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The clinic is available for those who are feeling ill or were offered a courtesy test.

## A Note from Dale

We started off Spring 2020 really well. Our safety record was impressive and we hit several milestones and accomplishments. But the month of June has been rough. We had 20 dropped objects, seven serious near misses, and recordables.

I know that things aren't easy out here. We work long hard hours. We may be far from our families, there are a lot of distractions and uncertainties in the world right now, and it's getting hot. Every job here requires our full attention at all times. Even with all of these challenges we need to continue to press forward and work safely and with quality. We also need to take personal accountability for our jobs

and stay focused on the task at hand. We need your commitment to get the job done.

We also need to improve our social distancing on site. Social distancing should be practiced whenever possible. Simply wearing a face covering DOES NOT mean you are compliant with social distancing guidelines. It is a requirement to maintain social distancing on site when possible. Make sure you find ways to maintain this distance during all activities on site.

Make sure that with everything you are doing on site, you are deliberate, spread out, and focus on the task at hand. Continue to work safely and focus on staying healthy.

## Celebrating June milestones

We celebrated many June milestones, including:

### Unit 3 back-up batteries partially turned over

The Unit 3 Auxiliary electrician team partially turned over the first two divisions of the unit's 24-hour back-up battery system to the Initial Testing Program. The battery system can supply enough power to keep equipment and monitoring devices operating so the plant can be shut down safely in the event of the loss of on-site and off-site power.

### Unit 4 Shield Building places concrete

A team made up of Unit 4 and COS concrete crews successfully completed placement of concrete on June 9. The concrete was placed from elevation ~208'-6" to ~228'-6" and took approximately 8.5 hours. Panel installation and concrete placement are major activities on the path to setting the conical roof and the CB20 tank for Unit 4. The teams completed the work safely and on-time.

### Site teamwork on display during move

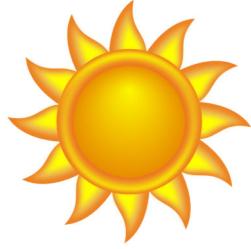
On June 4 and June 5, the NI-4 Work Order library was moved to building 122. The library was moved because the existing location (244A) is being demolished to support construction activities. Work Order Library personnel along with day shift laborers completed the mammoth effort of packing, moving, and unpacking over 6,000 work packages in less than 48 hours. Many groups on site were involved with the move.



Crews placing concrete on the Unit 4 Shield Building.

# Stay cool and beat the heat

Summer is here in Georgia. Temperatures and humidity are soaring. Remember these tips to beat the heat:



- **Stay hydrated.**
- **Avoid dehydrating drinks** like alcohol, coffee, and tea.
- **Wear** protective clothing.
- **Pace yourself** when working.
- **Work to your personal limits.**
- **Don't ignore signs** of heat illness.



Take beating the heat to another level with the Unit 4 Extreme Cool Down station created by superintendent Dan Stennis and Unit 4 leadership. To use the station, simply walk in, maintain your social distance at the points provided,

and cool down. If you are in the area, use the cool down station in addition to the other heat mitigation methods above.

## Work environment expectations

It is important to meet all our commitments, including budget and schedule milestones, but **our actions should never compromise safety and quality**. If you believe you have a safety or quality concern, it is your responsibility to speak up to your supervisor, to a manager in your chain of command, or to whomever you feel can assist with your concern.



## Faces of RCC

### Meet Randy Akridge

Randy Akridge is a Senior Labor Relations Representative for RCC. He has worked at Plant Vogtle for six years, starting as the MAB Civil Superintendent for electricians and laborers in 2014. His favorite part of working at Vogtle is his team. He loves working day in and day out with a dedicated group of people. Akridge also enjoys the variety of work as there is something new every day, which presents a new daily challenge.



#### Fun facts about Randy:

- Favorite dessert: Anything chocolate
- Favorite song: "I Will Always Love You"
- Favorite piece of PPE: Safety glasses
- Favorite sports team: Tennessee Volunteers (Go Vols!)

# Snake is ready to "just relax"

Mike "Snake" Brocato retired from Plant Vogtle and the Local 150 Plumbers and Steamfitters union on June 26.



Snake started working at Plant Vogtle on May 10, 2010. Before that, he worked construction at Vogtle 1&2, for Georgia Power, and at the Savannah River Site (SRS). While working at SRS, he received the opportunity to become the steward at Vogtle 3&4. He has worked for 47 years as a pipefitter. Snake is originally from Arkansas, but has lived in the Augusta area since 1967.

As a steward, one of Snake's biggest responsibilities is being the liaison between the pipefitters and RCC management. He thinks of his pipefitters as his children and cares about each and every one of them.

"I'll miss being out here," he said. "I love the challenges and people or I wouldn't be here."

As for retirement, Snake and his wife Dottie plan to travel. Snake is a self-proclaimed homebody and is ready to travel. He will first travel to the outskirts of North Carolina to scatter the ashes of a good friend. He's not sure where he will go after that!

He said one thing he will take away from Vogtle 3&4 are the friendships and opportunities he has made here.

Richard Hill will take Snake's place as the new pipefitter steward. The two are good friends and Richard said he has learned a lot from him.

"Snake is a good egg," Richard said. "He always goes above and beyond for everyone. He is even-keeled, has a calm demeanor, and always tells the truth."

## Power Through It 2020

Since the beginning of 2020, we have faced many challenges as we adjusted to a new way of conducting business while still working to meet our project schedule. Despite so many challenges, we have accomplished many milestones with a "Power Through It" attitude.

You have probably seen Power Through It on site, in communications, or on TV monitors in the break rooms. Power Through It is more than a catchy phrase. It is an initiative and mindset for us to adopt with everything we do to bring Vogtle 3&4 online. We all need to pull together as a team to raise awareness of our standards, increase ownership, celebrate milestones and daily accomplishments, and take pride in everything we do.

As we power through the rest of 2020 to achieve Unit 3 fuel load and Unit 4 integrated flush, it is important that we recognize our daily achievements and take time to celebrate as a team. We are building the first nuclear power plant in the United States in 30 years and we should be proud.