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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 1-00-01S
FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 73.71, Appendix G, Southern Nuclear Operating Company hereby submits a Vogtle Electric Generating Plant licensee event report for an event that occurred on September 20, 2000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. B. Beasley, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. B. Beasley, Jr.

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Enclosure: LER 1-00-01S

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER) (See reverse for required number of digits/characters for each block)											
FACILITY NAME (1) Vogtle Electric Generating Plant – Unit 1						DOCKET NUMBER (2) 0 5 0 0 0 4 2 4		PAGE (3) 1 OF 3			
TITLE (4) FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION											
EVENT DATE (5) MONTH DAY YEAR			LER NUMBER (6) YEAR SEQUENTIAL NUMBER REVISION NUMBER			REPORT DATE (7) MONTH DAY YEAR			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)		
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OPERATING MODE (9) 5		THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR *: (Check one or more) (11)									
POWER LEVEL (10) 0		20.2201(b)		20.2203(a)(2)(v)		50.73(a)(2)(i)		50.73(a)(2)(viii)			
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		20.2203(a)(2)(ii)		20.2203(a)(4)		50.73(a)(2)(iv)		OTHER			
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		20.2203(a)(2)(iv)		50.36(c)(2)		50.73(a)(2)(vii)		or in NRC Form 366A			
LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)											
NAME Mehdi Sheibani, Nuclear Safety and Compliance						TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code) 7 0 6 - 8 2 6 - 3 2 0 9					
COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)											
CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX		CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14) YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO						EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)		MONTH DAY YEAR			
ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-space typewritten lines) (16)											
<p>On February 19, 1999, a contractor employee was granted unescorted access to the protected area (PA) of the plant based, in part, on criminal history information submitted upon his arrival at the plant. This history included a criminal conviction within the previous five years. The employee worked at the plant for several weeks during a refueling outage. After the employee's work at the plant had been completed, the results of his criminal background investigation were received from the FBI, showing a second conviction within the previous five years. On September 20, 2000, the contractor employee returned to the site to work during another refueling outage. At an interview with security personnel, the contractor employee confirmed that he had not listed the second conviction on his pre-access criminal history record. At 1215 EDT, security personnel determined that this second conviction, together with the previously disclosed conviction, would have prevented the employee from gaining unescorted access had it been known initially. This represents a reportable safeguards event per 10 CFR 73.71, Appendix G, requirements.</p> <p>The cause of this event was a cognitive personnel error on the part of the contractor employee for omitting a conviction from his criminal history record. This employee has been denied further access to the PA, and information regarding this event has been entered into the Personnel Access Data System (PADS).</p>											

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A. REQUIREMENT FOR REPORT

This report is required per 10 CFR 73.71, Appendix G, because an individual was granted unescorted access to the protected area but would not have been granted access had his complete criminal history been known.

B. UNIT STATUS AT TIME OF EVENT

At the time of the discovery of this event, Unit 1 was in Mode 5 (cold shutdown) at 0% of rated thermal power (RTP) and Unit 2 was in Mode 1 (power operation) at 100% RTP. There was no inoperable equipment that contributed to the occurrence of this event.

C. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On February 19, 1999, a contractor employee was granted unescorted access to the protected area (PA) of the plant based, in part, on criminal history information submitted upon his arrival at the plant. This history included a criminal conviction within the previous five years. The employee worked at the plant until March 24, 1999, during a refueling outage. On March 29, 1999, results of the employee's criminal background investigation were received from the FBI, showing a second conviction within the previous five years. Since the employee was no longer employed at the plant, the licensee's access control system was flagged, noting that an interview was required before he could again be granted unescorted access.

On September 20, 2000, the contractor employee returned to the site to work during a refueling outage. At an interview with security personnel, the employee confirmed that he had not listed the second conviction on his pre-access criminal history record. At 1215 EDT, security personnel determined that this second conviction, together with the previously disclosed conviction, would have prevented the employee from gaining unescorted access had it been known initially. This represents a reportable safeguards event per 10 CFR 73.71, Appendix G, requirements. The employee was denied access to the PA and the NRC Operations Center was notified of this event at 1255 EDT.

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D. CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of this event was a cognitive personnel error on the part of the contractor employee for omitting a conviction from his criminal history record. There were no unusual characteristics of the work location that contributed to the occurrence of this error by the employee involved.

E. ANALYSIS OF EVENT

The contractor employee was a carpenter whose work activities included erection and removal of scaffolding. It is believed that his work assignments had no adverse effect on safe operation of the plant. Based on this consideration, there has been no adverse effect on plant safety or on the health and safety of the public as a result of this event.

F. CORRECTIVE ACTION

The contractor employee involved has been denied access to the plant, and information regarding this event has been entered into the Personnel Access Data System (PADS).

G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1) Failed Components:
None
- 2) Previous Similar Events:
None
- 3) Energy Industry Identification System Code:
Security System - IA