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**SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS
VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT - 50-424/2001-301 AND
50-425/2001-301**

Dear Mr. Beasley:

In a telephone conversation on December 13, 2000, between Mr. Tom Politio, Nuclear Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. Dan Scukanec, Nuclear Operation Services Plant Instructor, of your staff and Ms. Kathleen O'Donohue, Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 during the weeks of May 14 - 18 and May 21 - 25, 2001.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, Addendum 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards (ES) for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations during the week of April 9, 2001 in the regional office. The preparation visit is scheduled for the week of April 30, 2001.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by January 12, 2001. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any)(OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Tom Politio, and Mr. Dan Scukanec have been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. George Hopper at (404) 562-4645, (Internet E-mail: GTH1@NRC.GOV), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: MEE@NRC.GOV).

Sincerely,

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