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SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT - NRC RETAKE EXAMINATION
REPORT 05000424/2006301 AND 05000425/2006301

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Sincerely,

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Report Nos.: 05000424/2006301 and 05000425/2006301

Licensee: Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.

Facility: Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2

Location: 7821 River Road
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Date: Written Examination - May 1, 2006

Examiners: G. Hopper, Chief Examiner
G. Johnson, Examiner, Region I

Approved by: James H. Moorman, III, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER 05000424/2006301, ER 05000425/2006301; 05/01/2006; Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, Licensed Operator Examinations.

An NRC examiner conducted an operator licensing initial retake examination in accordance with the guidance of NUREG-1021, Revision 9, Operator Licensing Examiner Standards for Power Reactors. This examination implemented the operator licensing requirements of 10 CFR §55.43.

The facility licensee administered the written retake examinations on May 1, 2006. The operator licensing initial written retake examinations were developed by the licensee. One senior reactor operator (SRO) applicant and one reactor operator (RO) applicant passed the retake written examinations and were issued a license.

No significant issues were identified.

Report Details

4. **OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)**

4OA5 Operator Licensing Initial Examinations

a. Inspection Scope

The examiners reviewed the written examination developed by the licensee for compliance with the guidelines specified in NUREG-1021, Revision 9.

The examiner reviewed the licensee's examination security measures while preparing and administering the examinations to ensure that examination security and integrity complied with 10 CFR 55.49, "Integrity of examinations and tests."

The examiner evaluated one SRO applicant and one RO applicant who were being assessed under the guidelines specified in NUREG-1021. The licensee administered the retake of the written examinations on May 1, 2006. The evaluation of the applicants and a review of documentation was performed to determine if the applicants met the requirements specified in 10 CFR Part 55.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified. Both applicants passed their retake examination.

The NRC determined that the licensee's examination submittal was within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination. One SRO and one RO passed the written retake examination. No post examination comments were submitted. The written examinations and answer keys, and examination references may be accessed in the ADAMS system (ADAMS Accession Numbers, ML061290019 and ML061290020).

4OA6 Meetings, Including Exit

On May 8, 2006, the examiner discussed the examination and preliminary findings with Mr. Lee Mansfield, Nuclear Operations Training Supervisor, and other members of his staff. The examiner confirmed that proprietary information was not provided or examined during the inspection.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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