



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
REGION II  
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-1257

October 12, 2011

Duke Energy Corporation  
ATTN: Mr. Dean M. Hubbard  
Training Manager  
Oconee Nuclear Station  
7800 Rochester Highway  
Seneca, SC 29672-0752

**SUBJECT: OCONEE – OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN EXAMINATION  
APPROVAL 50000269/2011302, 5000270/2011302 AND 5000287/2011302**

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing written examination at Oconee Nuclear Station.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to your office. The NRC staff will administer operating tests to these individuals, as applicable, during the week of October 17, 2011. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject written examination and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination on October 26, 2011, in accordance with Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors."

This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for operator training at your facility. Based on this review I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operators at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at (404) 997-4608.

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Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Gerard W. Laska, at (404) 997-4626 if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant on the list of approved applicants.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Bruno L. Caballero, Acting Chief  
Operations Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos.: 50-269, 50-270, 50-287

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ADAMS: X Yes      ACCESSION NUMBER: ML 112870579      X PUBLICLY AVAILABLE      X NON-SENSITIVE      x SUNSI REVIEW COMPLETE

OFFICE	RII:DRS	RII:DRS				
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