

May 13, 2015

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael Junge, Chief
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Office of New Reactors

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF APRIL 22, 2015, PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
NEI OPERATOR LICENSING FOCUS GROUP FOR NEW
REACTORS

On April 22, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a category 2 public meeting with the NEI Operator Licensing Focus Group on New Reactor Operator Licensing at the NRC Technical Training Center in Chattanooga, TN. This meeting is typically held on a quarterly basis to discuss scheduling and the ongoing issues and challenges to administering licensed operator examinations for new AP-1000 units. Enclosure 1 lists the attendees at the meeting. Enclosure 2 is the meeting agenda.

With neither VC Summer nor Vogtle having a plant reference simulator, Vogtle has chosen to cancel their participation in the scheduled May operator licensing examination. VC Summer has requested their simulator be designated a Commission - approved Simulator (CAS), allowed under 10 CFR 55.46(b), for the May examination. The NRC staff is preparing a safety evaluation to determine if the VC Summer simulator is acceptable as a CAS. As this information is pre-decisional, no further information could be provided.

VC Summer reported the status of the written exam preparation as being nearly complete with the final comment resolutions having been sent to the NRC Chief Examiner.

The NRC exam team and VC Summer staff performed a validation of the simulator scenarios and job performance measures to be used for the upcoming examination. One of the items that required significant discussion was scenario critical tasks. The validation team found it challenging to determine critical tasks with the passive design of the AP-1000.

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NEW REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING
April 22, 2015

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Richard DeVercelly	Devoco
R. Scott Egli	NRC / TTC
Leon Ray	SNC
Melinda Bogart	GEH
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Pat Leary	SCANA
Tim Dennis	Member of Public
Chris Brant	SNC

AGENDA FOR THE CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
NEI LICENSED OPERATOR FOCUS GROUP FOR NEW REACTORS

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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