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SUBJECT: EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2  
REGARDING THE PLANT WALK-THROUGH AND APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE  
METHOD (CAC NO. RQ0441)

Dear Mr. Jones:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved the enclosed exemption from a requirement of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 55.45(b) with respect to Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station Unit 2 (VCSNS Unit 2). The NRC staff evaluated the alternative described in the letter from Ms. April Rice, Manager, VCSNS Units 2 and 3, to the NRC dated July 28, 2016, referencing "Southern Nuclear Operating Company Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4 Revised Request for Exemption and [Request for Additional Information] RAI Response: Operator Licensing," Letter Reference Number ND-16-0747 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML16148A484) ("May 27 letter") and finds it acceptable.

Therefore, whereas 10 CFR 55.45(b) requires, in part, that the operating test be administered in a plant walk-through to an applicant for an operator or senior operator license, the exemption allows one, two, or three of the in-plant system job performance measures administered as part of the walk-through portion of the operating test to be administered to applicants for an operator or senior operator license at VCSNS Unit 2 using the alternative method described in the July 28, 2016 letter.

This exemption is effective immediately and expires when the Commission makes its finding for VCSNS Unit 2 in accordance with 10 CFR 52.103(g). Furthermore, for those tasks that are selected to be part of an operating task in accordance with NUREG-1021, ES-301, Section D.4.a and Section D.4.b, where it is possible to both perform on-the-job training in the plant and administer part of an operating test in a plant walk-through, as determined by the NRC examiners, this exemption may not be used.

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A copy of the exemption and approval of the alternative method is enclosed. The exemption has been forwarded to the Office of the *Federal Register* for publication.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Kallan, Senior Project Manager, by phone at (301) 415-2809, or by email at [Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov](mailto:Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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