



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SAFETY EVALUATION FOR THE MODIFIED LICENSED
OPREATOR REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY (VEPCO)
SURRY POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) has requested, by letter dated January 18, 1984, approval for modifications to the requalification program for Surry and North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2.

The following is our Safety Evaluation of the licensee's proposed modifications to the program.

Modification 1. Annual Oral Examination

VEPCO presently conducts an annual written examination taken by all licensed reactor operators and senior reactor operators. In addition to this written examination, the licensee now proposes to add a requirement for an oral examination for all operating personnel and licensed staff members.

This oral examination will be conducted during the simulator training sessions and will include, but not be limited to, those operations performed during that training session. Any individual who receives an unsatisfactory rating on the oral examination will be required to undergo additional training and reexamination.

Modification 2. Modified Terminology

VEPCO requests approval to modify terminology used in the control manipulations and plant evolutions as specified in 10 CFR Part 55, Appendix A, and in NUREG-0737. This terminology is modified to reflect the appropriate terms used for the operation of pressurized water reactors.

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Modification 3. VEPCO Requalification Examination Exemption

As previously stated, the licensee presently conducts an annual written examination for all licensed reactor operators and senior reactor operators. The licensee requests approval to grant an exemption from the VEPCO annual requalification examination to any operator, senior operator or licensed staff member who has successfully passed an NRC-administered licensing examination during the year provided that the date of the NRC examination is on or after June 30 of that year. The justification for this exemption is that the VEPCO annual requalification examination is held in November or December. Therefore, this exemption would eliminate the need for those personnel to undergo two examinations within six months.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the review of these modifications, we find this revised Licensed Operator Requalification Program in compliance with the requirements as specified in 10 CFR Part 55, Appendix A and NUREG-0737, and is, therefore, acceptable.