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April 29, 2021

Mr. Robert D. Pitts
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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION – VOGTLE NUCLEAR PLANT

Dear Mr. Pitts:

In a telephone conversation on April 27, 2021, Mr. Joseph Viera, Operations Engineer, and Mr. John Umphlett, Operations Training, made arrangements for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Vogtle Nuclear Plant. The on-site portion of the inspection is planned for the week of June 14, 2021, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program. It is our understanding that you have committed to maintain your plant-referenced simulator in accordance with ANSI/ANS-3.5-2009, "Nuclear Power Plant Simulators for Use in Operator Training and Examination", and that you have also committed to ANSI/ANS-3.4-1983, "Medical Certification and Monitoring of Personnel Requiring Operator Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants."

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59, the NRC has requested that you submit by May 31, 2021, the material as specified in Section "A" of the Enclosure, in order to support the NRC's inspection program needs. The NRC has further requested that you have all items as specified in Section "B" of the Enclosure available for review by the inspectors on the first day they arrive on site. Mr. Umphlett has been advised of this request and was provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection please contact Mr. Joseph Viera at (404) 997-4643, (Internet E-mail: joseph.viera@nrc.gov), or me at (404) 997-4662, (Internet E-mail: eugene.guthrie@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Materials Request List

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Materials Request List

The items listed below are necessary to support the Licensed Operator Requalification Program inspection (IP-71111.11) in June 2021 at the Vogtle Nuclear Plant. Items listed under Section A, In-office inspection material, must be received in the NRC Region II office by May 31, 2021. Items listed under Section B, On-site inspection material, should be ready for review upon arrival of the inspectors on June 14, 2021.

A. In-office inspection material:

1. List of all licensed individuals (active and inactive; RO and SRO) including license restrictions.
2. Organizational Chart for the training department including simulator fidelity staff, with phone number/email contact information.
3. Weekly examination schedules for the weeks that the 2021 annual operating test will be administered, including the names/positions of all operating crews, as well as any off-shift staff members, who will be examined.
4. Site procedure(s) governing the conduct of license operator requalification training (classroom and simulator), examination development/administration, remedial training, and examination security.
5. Site procedure(s) governing the simulator configuration control, maintenance, and fidelity testing methods used to fulfill ANSI/ANS 3.5-2009 requirements.
6. Corrective action reports and self-assessments written since last requalification inspection (8/19/2019), which document operator errors or performance problems that occurred in the actual main control room, including final corrective actions.
7. All JPMs that will be administered during the 2021 annual operating test that have been approved for use, including spreadsheets or outlines that show the usage of the JPMs in all of the 2021 annual operating test weeks. (Inspectors may request that exam items not yet approved for use be sent at a later time after they have been approved.) EXAM SECURITY ITEM
8. All simulator scenarios that will be administered in the 2021 annual operating test that have been approved for use, including which scenarios are assigned to a specific week. (Inspectors may request that exam items not yet approved for use be sent at a later time after they have been approved.) EXAM SECURITY ITEM
9. All written examination versions that will be administered in the 2021 biennial written exam that are approved for use, answer keys (original and final), re-take examinations, and spreadsheets or outlines that show the usage of written questions on the different versions of these written examinations. (Inspectors may request that exam items not yet approved for use be sent at a later time after they have been approved.) EXAM SECURITY ITEM

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B. On-site inspection material:

1. Simulator scenarios and JPMs for the inspectors to observe the operating crew and evaluators during the week of June 14, 2021.
2. Requalification training attendance records for the current two-year biennial training cycle.
3. Requalification operating test and biennial written examination results since last requalification inspection (8/2019); copies of those operating test items and/or examinations with pass/failure rates outside the average.
4. All remedial training documentation for any licensed operator (active or inactive) that failed any portion of a requalification operating test and/or biennial written examination since last requalification inspection (8/2019).
5. List of all individuals that reactivated their licenses since last requalification inspection (8/2019).
6. Records that support verification of license reactivation, including:
 - a. Documentation of time on shift under instruction.
 - b. Security system and HP/dosimetry records for plant areas toured by reactivating individual and accompanying licensed operator.
7. Records providing documentation of maintenance of active license status (time on shift) for all licensed operators since last requalification inspection (8/2019).
8. Medical records for all licensed (active and inactive) operators.
9. Simulator maintenance and testing records, including:
 - a. List of all open simulator discrepancies
 - b. List of all simulator discrepancies closed within the past 12 months
 - c. List of simulator performance tests
 - d. Simulator performance testing records and associated documentation