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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 & 2
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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant - Units 1 & 2
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant - Units 3 & 4
SNC Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2022-01:
Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On February 17, 2022, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2022-01, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." RIS 2022-01 requests that licensees voluntarily submit projections of their site-specific operator licensing examination schedules as well as the estimated number of applicants planning to take operator licensing and generic fundamental examinations for years 2023-2026.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) hereby provides as enclosures to this letter the requested information on NRC Form 536 for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 & 2, Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant - Units 1 & 2, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant - Units 1 & 2, and Vogtle Electric Generating Plant - Units 3 & 4. The estimates provided represent SNC's current understanding but are subject to possible change in the future. These enclosures supersede previous, similar RIS responses.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Joyce at 205-992-6468.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

1. NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 & 2
2. NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant - Units 1 & 2
3. NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant - Units 1 & 2
4. NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant - Units 3 & 4

cc: Regional Administrator, Region II
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Senior Resident Inspector – Farley, Hatch, Vogtle 1 & 2, Vogtle 3 & 4
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Enclosure 1

NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 & 2



OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA

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FACILITY	NRC REGION
Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plants - Unit 1 and 2	II

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2023	CY 2024	CY 2025	CY 2026
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY2023	CY2024	CY2025	CY 2026
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	7	8	0	10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	7	6	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	4	4	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	05/22/2023	11/04/2024	N/A	04/27/2026
ALTERNATE DATE	06/05/2023	12/02/2024	N/A	05/18/2026

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Enclosure 2

NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data
for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant - Units 1 & 2

NRC FORM 536 <small>(01-2021)</small>	U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA	APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131 <small>Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 45 minutes. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the FOIA, Library, and Information Collection Branch (1B-A10M), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by e-mail to InfoCollection.Resource@nrc.gov, and the OMB reviewer at OMB-Office-of-Information-and-Regulatory-Affairs (3160-0131), Attn: Desk Officer for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail: ota.submission@omb.eop.gov. The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the document requesting or requiring the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.</small>	EXPIRES: 01/31/2024
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FACILITY	NRC REGION
PLANT HATCH	11

A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2023</u>	CY <u>2024</u>	CY <u>2025</u>	CY <u>2026</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2023</u>	CY <u>2024</u>	CY <u>2025</u>	CY <u>2026</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	3		6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	7		4	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0		0	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0		0	
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	11/26/23		11/10/25	
ALTERNATE DATE	12/10/23		11/3/25	

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>23</u>	CY <u>24</u>	CY <u>25</u>	CY <u>26</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>23</u>	CY <u>24</u>	CY <u>25</u>	CY <u>26</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	10	6	0	8
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	7	8	0	6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	1	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	5/1/2023	12/2/2024	N/A	6/1/2026
ALTERNATE DATE	5/15/2023	1/15/2025	N/A	6/15/2026

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FACILITY VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT - UNITS 3 & 4	NRC REGION II
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PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2023</u>	CY <u>2024</u>	CY <u>2025</u>	CY <u>2026</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	1	0	1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2023</u>	CY <u>2024</u>	CY <u>2025</u>	CY <u>2026</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	8	0	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	6	0	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	2	0	2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	N/A	05/13/24	N/A	05/11/26
ALTERNATE DATE	N/A	06/10/24	N/A	06/15/26

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