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**SUBJECT: VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT NRC EXAMINATION REPORT -
50-424/2003-301 AND 50-425/2003-301**

Dear Mr. Gasser:

On May 8, 2003, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) administered an operating retake examination to one employee of your company who had reapplied for a license to operate the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. The Senior Reactor Operator applicant was required to retake the Integrated Plant Operations portion (Simulator Operating Test) of the operating examination. The applicant passed his retake examination.

No findings of significance were identified.

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Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68, NPF-81

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REGION II

Docket Nos.: 50-424, 50-425

License Nos.: NPF-68, NPF-81

Report Nos.: 50-424/03-301, 50-425/03-301

Licensee: Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC)

Facility: Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 and 2

Location: 7821 River Road
Waynesboro, GA 30830

Date: Operating Tests - May 8, 2003

Examiner: G. Hopper, Chief Examiner

Approved by: M. Ernstes, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER 05000424/2003-301, ER 05000425/2003-301, on 5/8/2003; Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, Licensed Operator Examinations.

The NRC examiner conducted an operator licensing initial retake examination in accordance with the guidance of NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1, Operator Licensing Examiner Standards for Power Reactors. This examination implemented the operator licensing requirements of 10 CFR §55.45.

The NRC administered the simulator operating test on May 8, 2003. The operator licensing initial operating retake examination was developed by the NRC. One senior reactor operator (SRO) applicant passed this retake of his operating examination and was issued a license.

No significant issues were identified.

Report Details

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA5 Operator Licensing Initial Examinations

a. Inspection Scope

The NRC developed the operating examinations in compliance with the guidelines specified in NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1.

The examiner reviewed the licensee's examination security measures while preparing and administering the examinations to ensure that examination security and integrity complied with 10 CFR 55.49, "Integrity of examinations and tests."

The examiner evaluated one SRO applicant who was being assessed under the guidelines specified in NUREG-1021. The examiner administered the retake of the simulator operating test on May 8, 2003. The evaluation of the applicant and a review of documentation was performed to determine if the applicant met the requirements specified in 10 CFR Part 55.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

The applicant passed his retake examination.

4OA6 Meetings

Exit Meeting Summary

On May 8, 2003, the examiner discussed the examination and preliminary findings with Mr. Lee Mansfield, Operations Training Manager, and other members of his staff. The examiner confirmed that proprietary information was not provided or examined during the inspection.

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