

Report Details

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

4QA5 Operator Licensing Initial Examinations

a. Inspection Scope

The NRC developed operating test outlines and written examinations in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9. The licensee's examination team reviewed the proposed examinations. Examination changes agreed upon between the NRC and the licensee were made according to NUREG-1021 and incorporated into the final version of the examination materials.

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

The examiners evaluated two RO and eight SRO applicants who were being assessed under the guidelines specified in NUREG-1021. The examiners administered the operating tests during the period of May 17 - 25, 2005. Members of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant training staff administered the written examination on May 27, 2005. The evaluations of the applicants and review of documentation were performed to determine if the applicants, who applied for licenses to operate the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, met requirements specified in 10 CFR 55, "Operators' Licenses."

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

The NRC determined that the details provided by the licensee for the walkthrough and simulator tests were within the range of acceptability expected for the proposed tests. One RO and six SRO applicants passed both the operating test and written examination. One RO and two SRO applicants passed the operating tests but failed the written examination. One of the SRO's that failed the written examination, passed the written examination overall, however, he failed the SRO portion of that examination. The other SRO that failed the written examination, failed overall, and also failed the SRO portion of that examination.

The combined RO and SRO written examinations with knowledge and abilities (K/As) question references/answers, examination references and licensee's post examination comments may be accessed in the ADAMS system (ADAMS Accession Numbers, ML0516705460, ML0516705400 and ML051810518).