



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
REGION II
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February 23, 2017

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. John Austin
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Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
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Waynesboro, GA 30830-296

SUBJECT: VOGTLE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - OPERATOR LICENSING WRITTEN
EXAMINATION APPROVAL 05200025/2017301

Dear Mr. Austin:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examination at the Vogtle Unit 3 Nuclear Power Plant.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to your office. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests to individuals, as applicable, the weeks of February 27, and March 6, 2017. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject written examination and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination in accordance with Revision 10 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," the week of March 13, 2017.

This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operators at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at (404) 997-4662.

J. Austin

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Please contact the Chief Examiner, Mr. Daniel Bacon, at 404-997-4518, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination specified for each applicant on the list of approved applicants.

Sincerely,

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Eugene F. Guthrie, Chief
Operations Branch 2
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos.: 52-025
License Nos.: NPF-91

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APPROVAL 05200025/2017301 dated February 23, 2017

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