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Mr. John Caruso
Lead Examiner
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 1
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Subject: Plan for Reactor Operators Return to Active Status

Dear Mr. Caruso,

In response to the NRC Operator Licensing Initial Exam Results conducted at Millstone, this letter is to formally notify you of Millstone's plan to ensure the two applicants who failed the upgrade examination will meet the requirements of 10 CFR 55.53(e), (f), and (h) and 10 CFR 55.59(a) before resuming active duties as Reactor Operators.

To satisfy 10 CFR 55.53(h) and 10 CFR 55.59(a):

- Each applicant made up all required training missed since they were enrolled in the upgrade program.
- Each applicant successfully passed a comprehensive written requalification examination required by 10 CFR 55.59(a)(2), administered on December 31, 2008.
- Each applicant successfully passed the JPMs associated with both the operating exam portion of the audit exam and the NRC Operator Licensing Initial Exam, which included evaluated reactor operator tasks.
- While each applicant did not complete the annual operating test (dynamic simulator) in 2008 because they were enrolled in the upgrade program, they did however each successfully complete the operating exam portion of the audit exam (examined as ROs), as well as were examined as satisfactory by the NRC as control board operators during the administration of the NRC Operator Licensing Initial Exam the week of January 26, 2009 [with ES08LI1 and ES08LI2]. (per our telephone conversation on May 11, 2009). A second dynamic simulator examination was administered on May 12, 2009 to fully meet their annual operating test requirements. Each applicant was examined in a different role from the initial exam and the results were satisfactory for each. This examination, when combined with ES08LI1 and ES08LI2 for each applicant, met the requirements for an annual operating test. Additionally, a debriefing was conducted with each reactor operator explaining minor deficiencies observed during the simulator scenarios (this included comments from exam administered by the NRC). This is verified consistent with Millstone's procedure TR-AA-730, "Licensed Operator Biennial and Annual Operating Requalification Exam Process".



To satisfy 10 CFR 55.53(e) and (f), each reactor operator will be required to complete the following, as required by OP-MP-103-1001, "Millstone Operations GARD", prior to being restored to active status:

- 40 hours of under instruction watches (as RO and BOP).
- Validation that the qualification and training status of the licensee are current and valid.
- A tour of the plant with an active licensed watch stander to include all areas required by operator rounds (this includes all plant areas as well as the control room).
- Administrative update on recent administrative changes

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MJC", written over a horizontal line.

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