Report Details

Summary of Plant Status

Both Units operated at essentially 100-percent power for the duration of this inspection.

I. Operations

04 Operator Knowledge and Performance

04.1 Initial Written Examination

a. Inspection Scope

On December 10, 1999, the facility licensee proctored the administration of the written examination, approved by the chief examiner and Region IV supervision, to four applicants for reactor operator and four applicants for senior reactor operator licenses. The licensee proposed grading for the written examinations and evaluated the results for question validity and generic weaknesses. The examiners reviewed the licensee's results.

b. Observations and Findings

All eight applicants, four reactor operators, two instant senior operators and two senior operator upgrades, passed the written examination. Written examination scores ranged from a low of 83 to a high of 97 with an average of 90.5 percent overall. The reactor operator applicants' scores ranged from 83 to 90 with an average of 87.75 percent. The senior reactor operator applicants' scores ranged from 89 to 97 with an average of 93.25 percent. Post-examination review by the licensee indicated no broad knowledge or performance weaknesses and the chief examiner's review supported this conclusion. The licensee's post-examination review identified an error in the reactor operator answer key. The answer key listed for Question 82 distractor 'D' as the correct answer when 'C' was the correct answer. The answer key was changed and the examinations re-evaluated. The licensee's post-examination comments are included in Attachment 2.

c. Conclusions

All eight license applicants passed the written examination. No broad knowledge or training weaknesses were identified as a result of the analysis and review of the questions.