### April 25, 2000

Dr. Gunter Kegel, Director Nuclear Radiation Laboratory University of Massachusetts — Lowell One University Avenue Lowell, Massachusetts 01854

SUBJECT: INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-223/OL-00-01

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact Paul Doyle at 301-415-1058, or Internet e-mail pvd@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Ledyard B. Marsh, Chief Events Assessment, Generic Communications and Non-Power Reactors Branch Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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# U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT

REPORT NO.: 50-223/OL-00-02

FACILITY DOCKET NO.: 50-223

FACILITY LICENSE NO.: R-125

FACILITY: University of Massachusetts-Lowell

EXAMINATION DATES: April 7, 2000

EXAMINER: Paul V. Doyle, Chief Examiner

SUBMITTED BY: /RA/ 4/10/00

Paul V. Doyle, Chief Examiner Date

SUMMARY:

The NRC administered Senior Reactor Operator Upgrade Examinations to three candidates. All three candidates passed.

## **REPORT DETAILS**

1. Examiners:

Paul Doyle, Chief Examiner

### 2. Results:

	RO PASS/FAIL	SRO PASS/FAIL	TOTAL PASS/FAIL
Written	0/0	0/0	0/0
Operating Tests	0/0	3/0	3/0
Overall	0/0	3/0	3/0

3. Exit Meeting:

Paul Doyle, NRC, Examiner

Leo Bobek, U. Mass.-Lowell, Reactor Supervisor

Following completion of the examinations, the examiner discussed the operating tests, noting any weaknesses demonstrated by the candidates. There was no indication of any generic weaknesses. The examiner discussed the fact that with the implementation of ADAMS, the time to issue licenses has increased somewhat.