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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS
CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 3 - 50-302/00-301

Dear Mr. Cowan:

During the period September 25, 2000 through September 28, 2000, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) administered operating examinations to employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the Crystal River Nuclear Plant Unit 3. At the conclusion of the examination, the examiners discussed the examination questions and preliminary findings with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. The written examination was administered by your staff on September 22, 2000.

One Reactor Operator and all five of the Senior Reactor Operator applicants passed both the written and operating examinations. A Simulation Facility Report is included in this report as Enclosure 2.

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Sincerely,

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Michael E. Ernstes, Chief
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Docket No.: 50-302
License No.: DPR-72

Enclosures: (See page 2)

- Enclosures: 1. Report Details
2. Simulation Facility Report

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION II

Docket No.: 50-302

License No.: DPR-72

Report No.: 50-302/2000-301

Licensee: Florida Power Corporation

Facility: Crystal River Nuclear Plant Unit 3

Location: Crystal River Florida

Dates: Operating Tests - September 25 - 28, 2000
Written Examination -September 22, 2000

Examiners: G. Hopper, Chief License Examiner
J. Bartley, License Examiner
G. Salyers, License Examiner

Approved by: M. Ernstes, Chief
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Crystal River Nuclear Plant Unit 3 NRC Inspection Report 50-302/2000-301

During the period September 25 through 28, 2000, NRC examiners conducted an announced operator licensing initial examination in accordance with the guidance of Examiner Standards, NUREG-1021, Revision 8 Supplement 1. This examination implemented the operator licensing requirements of 10 CFR §55.41, §55.43, and §55.45. No significant issues were identified.

One Reactor Operator applicant and five Senior Reactor Operator applicants received written examinations and operating tests. The NRC administered the operating tests during the period September 25 through 28, 2000. The licensee administered the written examination on September 22, 2000.

Report Details

Summary of Plant Status: Unit 3 was at 100% power throughout the examination period.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

4OA5 Other

a. Scope

The NRC conducted a regular, announced operator licensing initial examination during the period of September 25 through 28, 2000. One RO applicant and five SRO applicants received written and operating examinations. The examiners reviewed the examination security measures to ensure examination security and integrity.

b. Observations and Findings

The licensee developed the operating test and written examination in accordance with NUREG 1021, Revision 8 Supplement 1. The examiners reviewed the proposed examinations making modifications as needed. The NRC administered the approved operating tests during the period of September 25 through 28, 2000. The licensee staff administered the approved written examination on September 22, 2000.

One RO and five SRO applicants passed both examinations. Details of each applicant's deficiencies are described in the individual's examination report, Form ES-303-1, "Operator Licensing Examination Report." Copies of the evaluations have been forwarded under separate cover to the Training Manager in order to enable the licensee to evaluate these deficiencies, and provide appropriate remedial training for those operators as necessary.

The licensee submitted the as-given written examinations (ADAMS Accession Number ML003759438). There were no post examination comments submitted by the licensee.

4OA6 Management Meetings

Exit Meeting Summary

The Chief Examiner presented the preliminary examination results on September 28, 2000, to members of licensee management. The licensee acknowledged the examination results presented.

The inspectors asked the licensee whether any materials examined during the inspection should be considered proprietary. No proprietary information was identified.

PARTIAL LIST OF PERSONS CONTACTED

Licensee

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SIMULATION FACILITY REPORT

Facility Licensee: Crystal River

Facility Docket Nos.: 50-302/2000-301

Operating Tests Administered on: September 25 - 28, 2000

This form is to be used only to report observations. These observations do not constitute audit or inspection findings and are not, without further verification and review, indicative of noncompliance with 10 CFR 55.45(b). These observations do not affect NRC certification or approval of the simulation facility other than to provide information that may be used in future evaluations. No licensee action is required in response to these observations.

While conducting the simulator portion of the operating tests, the following items were observed:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
None	