December 22, 2000

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SUBJECT: LASALLE COUNTY STATION - INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION REPORT
50-373/00-301(DRS); 50-374/00-301(DRS)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On November 20, 2000, the NRC completed initial operator licensing examinations at your LaSalle County Nuclear Station. The enclosed report presents the results of the examination.

LaSalle County Station training department personnel administered the written examination on November 20, 200, and NRC examiners administered the operating tests during the week of November 13, 2000. Three reactor operator and five senior reactor operator candidates were administered license examinations. The results of the examinations were finalized on December 18, 2000. All candidates passed all sections of their respective examinations and were issued applicable operator licenses.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this examination.

Sincerely,

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David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-373; 50-374
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   50-373/00-301(DRS); 50-374/00-301(DRS)
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REGION III

Docket Nos:	50-373; 50-374
License Nos:	NPF-11; NPF-18
Report No:	50-373/00-301(DRS); 50-374/00-301(DRS)
Licensee:	Commonwealth Edison Company
Facility:	LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2
Location:	2601 N. 21st Road Marseilles, IL 61341
Dates:	November 13, 2000 through November 20, 2000
Examiners:	D. McNeil, Chief Examiner D. Roth, Reactor Inspector R. Vogt-Lowell, Perry Station Resident Inspector
Approved by:	David E. Hills, Chief Operations Branch Division of Reactor Safety

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER 05000373-00-301(DRS), 05000374-00-301(DRS), on 11/13-11/20/2000, LaSalle, Units 1 & 2. The announced operator licensing initial examination was conducted by regional examiners in accordance with the guidance of NUREG-1021, Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 8, Supplement 1, Addendum 1.

Examination Summary:

- Three reactor operator candidates and five senior reactor operator candidates were administered written examinations and operating tests for initial operator licensing. All eight candidates passed all portions of their respective examinations and were issued applicable licenses.

Report Details

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA5 Other

.1 Initial Licensing Examinations

a. Inspection Scope

The NRC examiners conducted announced operator licensing initial examinations during the week of November 13, 2000. The facility's training staff used the guidance established in NUREG-1021, Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors, Revision 8, Supplement 1, Addendum 1, to prepare the examination outline and to develop the written examination and operating test. The NRC examiners administered the operating test on November 13, 2000 through November 17, 2000, and the facility's training staff administered the written examination on November 20, 2000. Three reactor operator candidates and five senior reactor operator candidates were examined.

b. Findings

Written Examination

The NRC examiners determined that the written examination, as originally submitted by the licensee, was within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination. During the NRC review of the grading of the examination, it was determined that the answer key contained a typographic error. Reactor operator examination question number 87 was incorrectly assigned a correct answer of “d.” The correct answer was “a.” The answer key was corrected and examination scores for two reactor operator candidates were changed to reflect the regrading of the question. No post examination comments were submitted by the licensee, however, the typographic error was confirmed by station trainers.

Operating Test

The NRC examiners determined that the operating test, as originally submitted by the licensee, was within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination.

Examination Results

All eight candidates passed all portions of their respective examinations and were issued applicable licenses.

.2 Examination Security

a. Inspection Scope

The examiners reviewed and observed the licensee's implementation of examination security requirements during the examination preparation and administration.

b. Findings

The NRC examiners determined that the licensee's examination security practices associated with the development and administration of the operator license examinations were satisfactory.

4OA6 Management Meetings

Exit Meeting Summary

The chief examiner presented the examination team's preliminary observations and findings to Mr. Meister and other members of the licensee management on November 17, 2000. The licensee acknowledged the observations and findings presented and did not identify any proprietary information.

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ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED AND DISCUSSED

Opened

None

Closed

None

Discussed

None

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Enclosure 2

SIMULATION FACILITY REPORT

Facility Licensee: LaSalle County Nuclear Station, Unit 2

Facility Docket No.: 50-373

Operating Tests Administered: November 13 - 17, 2000

The following documents observations made by the NRC examination team during the initial operator license examination. These observations do not constitute audit or inspection findings and are not, without further verification and review, indicative of non-compliance with 10 CFR Part 55.45(b). These observations do not affect NRC certification or approval of the simulation facility other than to provide information which may be used in future evaluations. No licensee action is required in response to these observations.

During the conduct of the simulator portion of the operating tests, the following items were observed:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	None

Enclosure 3

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS AND ANSWER KEYS (RO/SRO)