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SUBJECT: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1, INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT
NO. 50-313/01-301

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On February 15, 2001, the NRC completed initial examinations at the Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1. The enclosed report presents the results of this examination, which were discussed on February 15, 2001, with you and other members of your staff.

The examination included the evaluation of three applicants for operator licenses, and four applicants for senior operator licenses. We determined that all applicants satisfied the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, and the appropriate licenses have been issued.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
NRC Examination Report
50-313/01-301
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Docket No.: 50-313
License No.: DPR-51
Examination No.: 50-313/01-301
Licensee: Entergy Operations, Inc.
Facility: Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1
Location: Junction of Hwy. 64W and Hwy. 333 South
Russellville, Arkansas
Dates: February 12-15, 2001
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1
NRC Examination Report 50-313/01-301

IR 05000313/01-301, on 02/12-15/2001, Entergy Operations, Inc., Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, Initial Examination of Applicants for Operator Licenses.

An NRC examination team evaluated the competency of three applicants for operator licenses, and four applicants for senior operator licenses at the Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1. The facility developed the written and operating examinations using NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 8, Supplement 1. The written examinations were administered to all applicants on February 9, 2001, by facility proctors in accordance with instructions provided by the chief examiner. The NRC examiners administered the operating tests on February 12-15, 2001.

Examination Details

4. **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

4OA4 Initial License Examinations

.1 Operator Knowledge and Performance

a. Examination Scope

On February 9, 2001, the licensee proctored the administration of the written examination to all seven applicants. The licensee's staff graded the written examinations, analyzed the results, and presented their analysis to the NRC on February 15, 2001.

The NRC examination team administered the various portions of the operating examination to the seven applicants on February 12-15, 2001. The three applicants for operator licenses and the one applicant for instant senior operator license participated in two dynamic simulator scenarios, a control room and facilities walkthrough test consisting of ten system tasks, and an administrative test consisting of five administrative tasks. The three applicants that were upgrading from an operator license to a senior operator license each participated in one dynamic simulator scenario, a control room and facilities walkthrough test consisting of five system tasks, and an administrative test consisting of five administrative tasks.

b. Findings

All applicants passed all parts of the examinations. The applicants demonstrated good 3-way communications, alarm response, and peer checking. For the written examinations, the average score was 90.9 and ranged from 87 to 95. The text of the examination questions may be accessed in the ADAMS system under Accession No. ML010530323.

The licensee conducted a performance analysis for the written examinations with emphasis on questions missed by half or more of the applicable applicants. The licensee concluded that all of the questions were valid and that there were no commonalities in the knowledge deficiencies. No recommendations were made by the licensee to modify or delete any of the questions, or to accept additional answers from the written examination. The chief examiner reviewed the licensee's analysis and applicant performance and found the conclusions to be technically valid.

No findings were identified.

.2 Initial Licensing Examination Development

The licensee developed the written and operating examinations in accordance with NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1, using facility training and operations staff on the security agreement.

.2.1 Examination Outline and Examination Package

a. Examination Scope

The facility licensee submitted the operating examination outlines on October 18, 2000. The chief examiner reviewed the submittal against the criteria of NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1, and provided comments to the licensee. The facility licensee submitted the draft operating examination package on December 14, 2000. The chief examiner reviewed the draft submittal against the criteria of NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1, and provided comments to the licensee on the operating examination on January 3, 2001. The chief examiner conducted an onsite validation of the operating examinations and provided further comments during the period of January 8-12, 2001. The licensee satisfactorily completed comment resolution on February 6, 2001.

b. Findings

Region IV management approved the initial examination outline and advised the licensee to proceed with the operating examination development.

The examiners determined that the written and operating examinations initially submitted by the licensee were within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination.

No findings were identified.

.3 Simulation Facility Performance

a. Examination Scope

The examiners observed simulator performance with regard to plant fidelity during the examination validation and administration.

b. Findings

No findings were identified.

.4 Examination Security

a. Examination Scope

The examiners reviewed examination security both during the onsite preparation week and examination administration week for agreement with NUREG-1021 criteria. Plans for simulator security and applicant control were reviewed.

b. Findings

No findings were identified.

40A5 Management Meetings

.1 Exit Meeting Summary

The chief examiner presented the examination results to Mr. C. Anderson, Vice President, Operations, at the conclusion of the examination on February 15, 2001. The licensee's management acknowledged the findings presented.

The licensee's management did not identify as proprietary any information or materials examined during the examination.

ATTACHMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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ADAMS DOCUMENTS REFERENCED

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