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Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Mr. Craig Bassett in Atlanta, GA at 404-562-4712.

Sincerely,

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License No.: R-87

Report No.: 50-182/2001-201

Licensee: Purdue University

Facility: Purdue University Research Reactor

Location: West Lafayette, Indiana

Dates: June 18-21, 2001

Inspector: Craig Bassett

Approved by: Ledyard B. Marsh, Chief
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purdue University
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This routine, announced inspection included onsite review of various aspects of the licensee's programs concerning the conduct of operations and emergency preparedness as they relate to the licensee's Class 2 non-power research reactor. The licensee's programs were directed toward the protection of public health and safety and were in compliance with NRC requirements. No safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were identified.

Conduct of Operations

- The organization and staffing met the requirements specified in the facility Technical Specifications (TS).
- Review and audit functions required by TS Section 6.2 were acceptably completed by the Committee on Reactor Operations.
- No significant changes had been made at the facility since the last operations inspection.
- The Operator Requalification/training Program was generally up-to-date and acceptably maintained and medical examinations were being completed as required.
- Facility procedures and document reviews satisfied requirements specified in TS Sections 6.2 and 6.4. Procedural compliance was acceptable.
- Reactor fuel movements and inspections were made and documented in accordance with procedure and the fuel elements were being inspected annually as specified by TS Section 4.4.
- The program for surveillance and Limiting Conditions of Operation confirmations and verification was being implemented in accordance with TS requirements.
- Reactor operations were conducted in accordance with TS requirement and applicable procedures. The maintenance program satisfied NRC requirements.
- The program for the control of experiments satisfied regulatory requirements and license commitments.

Emergency Preparedness

- The Emergency Plan was being reviewed annually and updated as needed and was appropriate for the size of and current operations at the facility.
- Emergency response facilities and equipment were being maintained as required and responders were knowledgeable of proper actions to take in case of an emergency.

- Off-site support was acceptable as were communications capabilities.
- Annual drills were being conducted and critiques were written as required by the Emergency Plan.
- Emergency preparedness training for staff personnel and off-site responders was being completed as required.

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Operator Licenses, Requalification,

~~The Department shall accept applications for licensure from individuals who are currently licensed in another state or country and who are seeking to practice in this state. The Department shall accept applications for licensure from individuals who are currently licensed in another state or country and who are seeking to practice in this state.~~

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a. **Experiments**

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~~potential for a significant increase in~~

~~unsolicited responses.~~

requirements in the TS

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properly and fully. The following standards are relative to the project and do not apply to other projects.

Emergency Preparedness: The project shall have an emergency preparedness plan that includes the following:

emergency response procedures, including the identification of emergency personnel and their roles, and the location of emergency equipment.

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a. **Emergency Preparedness**

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