

November 8, 2001

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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION LIMITED SENIOR REACTOR
OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-354/01-301

Dear Mr. Keiser:

This report transmits the results of the limited senior reactor operator (LSRO) licensing examinations conducted by the NRC during the week of September 17, 2001. These examinations addressed areas important to public health and safety and were developed and administered using the guidelines of the "Examination Standards for Power Reactors" (NUREG-1021, Revision 8).

Based on the results of the examinations, all three applicants passed all portions of the examinations and were issued licenses. The final exam results were provided during a telephone call on October 5, 2001.

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Should you have any questions regarding this examination, please contact me at (610) 337-5183, or by E-mail at RJC@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

/RA by R. V. Crlenjak for/

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Docket No. 50-354
License No. NPF-57

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REGION I

Docket No: 50-354

Report No: 50-354/01-301

License No: NPF-57

Licensee: PSEG Nuclear LLC

Facility: Hope Creek Generating Station

Location: Hancocks Bridge, NJ

Dates: September 17-19, 2001

Examiners: J. D'Antonio, Operations Engineer (Chief Examiner)
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Approved by: Richard J. Conte, Chief
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000354/2001-301; September 17-19, 2001; Hope Creek Generating Station; Initial Limited Senior Reactor Operator Licensing Examinations. Three of three applicants passed the examination.

The examinations were conducted by two NRC region-based examiners. There were no inspection findings associated with the examination.

Report Details

1. REACTOR SAFETY

Cornerstone: Mitigating Systems - Limited Senior Reactor Operator (LSRO) Initial License Examinations

a. Scope of Review

The NRC examination team reviewed the written and operating initial examinations submitted by the Hope Creek training staff to verify or ensure, as applicable, the following:

- The examinations were prepared and developed in accordance with the guidelines of Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors" and they met the overall quality goals (range of acceptability) of these standards. The review was conducted both in the Region I office and at the Hope Creek training facility. Final resolution of comments and incorporation of test revisions was conducted during and following the onsite preparation week.
- The facility licensee completed a test item analysis on the written exams for feedback into the systems approach to training program.
- Examination security requirements were met.

The examination was administered during the week of September 17, 2001.

b. Findings

Grading and Results

All three applicants passed all portions of the examinations and were issued licenses.

No post-exam comments were submitted.

Examination Preparation and Quality

The examinations met the quality goals of NUREG-1021, Revision 8. Also, examination changes agreed upon between the NRC and facility staff were made according to NUREG-1021, Revision 8.

Examination Administration and Performance

No findings of significance were identified.

4OA6 Exit Meeting Summary

On October 5, 2001, the NRC provided examination results and license numbers to Hope Creek management representatives, via telephone.

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

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LIST OF ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED AND DISCUSSED

<u>ITEM NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
NONE		