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**SUBJECT: FORT CALHOUN STATION - NRC RETAKE INITIAL EXAMINATION  
REPORT 50-285/01-302**

Dear Mr. Gambhir:

On October 24, 2001, the NRC completed a retake examination at your Fort Calhoun Station. The enclosed report documents the examination findings, which were discussed on October 30, 2001, with Mr. Weaver of your staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure and will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

/s/

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NRC Examination Report  
50-285/01-302

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Docket: 50-285  
License: DPR-40  
Report No.: 50-285/01-302  
Licensee: Omaha Public Power District  
Facility: Fort Calhoun Station  
Location: Fort Calhoun Station FC-2-4 Adm., P.O. Box 399, Hwy. 75 -  
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Fort Calhoun, Nebraska  
Date: October 30, 2001  
Inspector: Tom McKernon, Chief Examiner  
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Approved By: Anthony T. Gody  
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Division of Reactor Safety

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 0500285-01-302: October 22-30, 2001; Omaha Public Power District: Fort Calhoun Station. Retake Initial Licensed Operator Written Examination.

NRC examiners evaluated the competency of one applicant for a reactor operator license at the Fort Calhoun Station facility. The facility developed the written examination using NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 8, Supplement 1. The written examination was administered to the applicant on the morning of October 24, 2001, by facility proctors in accordance with instructions provided by the examiners. The examiners reviewed the grading of the examination on October 29, 2001. There were no findings identified during the examination.

### **Cross-Cutting Issues: Human Performance**

- The applicant passed the retake examination (Section 4OA4.1).

## Report Details

### 4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

#### 4OA4 Retake License Examination

##### .1 Operator Knowledge and Performance

###### a. Examination Scope

The licensee developed the written examination using facility training and operations staff on the security agreement to prepare and validate the examination. On October 24, 2001, the licensee proctored the administration of the written examination to the applicant. The licensee staff graded the written examination, analyzed the results, and presented their evaluation to the NRC on October 29, 2001. The operating test was waived for this examination because the applicant had previously passed all parts of the operating test given in June 2001.

###### b. Findings

The reactor operator applicant passed the written examination.

The licensee did not recommend any questions for modification during their post-examination review. The text of the examination questions may be accessed in the ADAMS as referenced in the attachment.

##### .2 Initial Licensing Examination Development

The facility training staff developed the written retake examination in accordance with NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1.

##### .2.1 Examination Outline and Examination Package

###### a. Examination Scope

The facility licensee submitted the written and operating examination outlines and the draft examinations on September 28, 2001. The chief examiner reviewed the submittal against the requirements of NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1, and provided comments to the licensee on October 4, 2001. The licensee incorporated comments as appropriate and prepared the examination for administering on October 24, 2001.

###### b. Findings

Region IV approved the retake examination outline and determined that the written examination initially submitted by the licensee was within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination.

40A5 Management Meetings

Exit Meeting Summary

The examiner presented the examination results to Mr. David Weaver, Operations Training Supervisor, during a telephone conference at the conclusion of the examination on October 30, 2001. The licensee acknowledged the findings presented.

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

ATTACHMENT

Licensee

D. Weaver, Operations Training Supervisor  
J. Koske, Operations Trainer

ADAMS DOCUMENTS REFERENCED

RO Examination Questions and Answer Key - Accession No. ML013410097