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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL
EXAMINATION (RETAKE) REPORT NO. 50-354/02-302

Dear Mr. Keiser:

This report transmits the results of the reactor operator licensing retake examination conducted by the NRC on July 19, 2002. This examination 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, Supplement 1).

Based on the results of the examination, the one Reactor Operator applicant passed the administrative section (Category A) of the retake operating examination. Results of the examination were given to training department management on July 25, 2002.

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Sincerely,

Richard J. Conte, Chief **/RA/**
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Division of Reactor Safety

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REGION I

Docket No.	50-354
License No.	NPF-57
Report No.	50-354/02-302
Licensee:	PSEG Nuclear LLC - N09
Facility:	Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Location:	Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey
Dates:	July 19, 2002 (Operating Exam Administration) July 23, 2002 (Grading)
Examiners:	P. Bissett, Sr. Operations Engineer (Chief Examiner)
Approved by:	Richard J. Conte, Chief Operational Safety Branch Division of Reactor Safety

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000354/2002-302; July 19, 2002; PSEG Nuclear LLC - N09; Hope Creek Generating Station; Initial Reactor Operator (RO) Licensing Retake Examination.

The examination was administered by a regional operator licensing examiner.

Cornerstone: Mitigating Systems

No findings of significance were identified.

Report Details

1. REACTOR SAFETY

Mitigating Systems

Operator Initial Licensing Examination

a. Inspection Scope

The NRC examiner reviewed the operating Category A examination submitted by the Hope Creek training staff to verify or ensure, as applicable, the following:

- The examination was developed in accordance with the guidelines of Revision 8, Supplement 1 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors" and it met the overall quality goals (range of acceptability) of these standards. The review was conducted in the Region I office.
- Simulation facility operation was proper.
- Examination security requirements were met.

The NRC examiner administered the operating portion (Category A) of the retake exam to one RO applicant on July 19, 2002.

b. Findings

Grading and Results:

The RO applicant passed the retake examination.

Examination Preparation and Quality:

No findings of significance were identified.

Examination Administration and Performance:

No findings of significance were identified

4.0 OTHER ACTIVITIES

4OA6 Meetings, including Exit

On July 19, 2002 the NRC provided observations associated with the exam to Hope Creek training personnel. Examination results were provided to the facility on July 25, 2002. The RO's license number was also provided during the July 25th telephone call.

The NRC expressed appreciation for the cooperation and assistance that was provided during the preparation and administration of the retake exam by the licensees training staff.

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

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