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SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT UNIT 2 OPERATOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR  
INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-410/02-301

Dear Mr. Conway:

This report transmits the results of the reactor operator (RO) and senior reactor operator (SRO) licensing examination conducted by the NRC during the period of July 29 to August 2, 2002. This examination addressed areas important to public health and safety and was 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, five of the six Senior Reactor Operator and both Reactor Operator applicants passed all portions of the examination. One Senior Reactor Operator applicant failed the operating portion of the examination. The eight applicants included two ROs, three instant SROs and three upgrade SROs. Mr. J. Caruso discussed performance insights observed during the examination with Mr. G. Bobka on July 31, 2002. On August 23, 2002, final examination results, including individual license numbers, were given during a telephone call between Mr. J. Caruso and Mr. R. Thurow.

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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,

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REGION I

Docket No(s): 50-410

License No: NPF-69

Report No: 50-410/02-301

Licensee: Constellation Nuclear

Facility: Nine Mile Point Unit 2

Dates: August 2, 2002 (Written Examination Administration)  
July 29-31, 2002 (Operating Test Administration)  
August 9, 2002 (Examination Grading)

Examiners: J. Caruso, Senior Operations Engineer (Chief Examiner)  
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C. Sisco, Operations Engineer  
G. Malone, Operations Engineer (under instruction)

Approved by: Richard J. Conte, Chief  
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Division of Reactor Safety

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000410/02-301; July 27 - August 2, 2002; Nine Mile Point Unit 2; Initial Operator Licensing Examination. There were a total of eight applicants (2 reactor operators, 3 SRO instants, and 3 SRO upgrades) who took the initial licensing examination. Seven of the eight applicants passed all portions of the examination.

The written examinations were administered by the facility and the operating tests were administered by three NRC region-based examiners. There were no inspection findings of significance associated with the examinations.

## Report Details

### 1. REACTOR SAFETY

#### Mitigating Systems - Reactor Operator (RO) and Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) Initial License Examination

##### a. Scope of Review

The Nine Mile Point Unit 2 training and operations personnel developed the written and operating initial examinations and together with the NRC examination team verified or ensured, as applicable, the following:

- The examination was prepared and developed in accordance with the guidelines of Revision 8, Supplement 1 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." A review was conducted both in the Region I office and at the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 plant and training facility. Final resolution of comments and incorporation of test revisions were conducted during and following the onsite preparation week.
- Simulation facility operation was proper.
- A test item analysis was completed on the written examination for feedback into the systems approach to training program.
- Examination security requirements were met.

The NRC examiners administered the operating portion of the examination to all applicants from July 29 - July 31, 2002. The written examination was administered by the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 training staff on August 2, 2002.

##### b. Findings

###### Grading and Results

There were a total of eight applicants (2 reactor operators, 3 SRO instants, and 3 SRO upgrades) who took the initial licensing examination. Seven of the eight applicants passed all portions of the examination.

The facility had no post-examination comments.

###### Examination Administration and Performance

No findings of significance were identified.

#### 4OA6 Exit Meeting Summary

On August 23, 2002, the NRC provided conclusions and examination results to a Nine Mile Point Unit 2 management representative via telephone. License numbers for seven of eight applicants were also provided during this time. The eighth applicant passed the written portion but failed the operating portion of the initial licensing examination and therefore was denied a license at this time.

The NRC expressed appreciation for the cooperation and assistance that was provided during the preparation and administration of the examination by the licensee's training staff.

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

LICENSEE

G. Bobka	Senior Instructor, Operator Training
R. Thurow	Manager, Operator Training

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J. Caruso	Senior Operations Engineer
P. Bonnett	Operations Engineer
C. Sisco	Operations Engineer
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<u>ITEM NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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