

February 10, 2003

Mr. John L. Skolds, President
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SUBJECT: DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION
NRC INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION REPORT 50-237/02-302(DRS);
50-249/02-302(DRS)

Dear Mr. Skolds:

On January 21, 2003, NRC examiners completed initial operator licensing examinations at your Dresden Nuclear Power Station. The enclosed report presents the results of the examination.

The NRC examiners administered an initial license examination operating test on January 21, 2003, for two reactor operators that failed the operating test administered in June 2002. The written examination and job performance measures portions of the operating test were waived based on their performance on the June 2002 examination. The results of the examinations were finalized on February 6, 2003. Both applicants passed the operating test and were issued reactor operator licenses.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this examination.

Sincerely,

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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-237; 50-249
License Nos. DPR-19; DPR-25

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REGION III

Docket Nos: 50-237; 50-249
License Nos.: DPR-19; DPR-25

Report No: 50-237/02-302(DRS); 50-249/02-302(DRS)

Licensee: Exelon Generation Company, LLC

Facility: Dresden Nuclear Power Station

Location: 6500 North Dresden Road
Morris, IL 60450

Dates: January 21, 2003

Examiners D. McNeil, Chief Examiner
B. Palagi, Examiner

Approved by: Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
Operations Branch

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER 05000237-02-302(DRS), 05000249-02-302(DRS); Exelon Generation Company, LLC; on 01/21/03; Dresden Nuclear Power Station. Initial License Examination Report.

The announced operator licensing initial examination was conducted by regional NRC examiners in accordance with the guidance of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 8, Supplement 1.

Examination Summary:

- Two applicants that failed the June 2002 initial license examination were administered the dynamic simulator scenario portion of an operating test. The written examination and job performance measures portion of the operating test were waived based on the applicant's performance on the June 2002 examination. Both applicants passed the operating test and were issued reactor operator licenses (Section 40A5.1).

REPORT DETAILS

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA5 Other

.1 Initial Licensing Examinations

a. Examination Scope

The NRC examiners conducted an announced operator licensing initial examination on January 21, 2003. The facility's training staff used the guidance established in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 8, Supplement 1, to prepare the operating test. Two Reactor Operator applicants that failed the June 2002 examination were examined.

b. Findings

Written Examination

The written examination was waived for both of the applicants based on their performance on the written examination administered during the June 2002 examination.

Operating Test

The NRC examiners determined that the dynamic simulator scenario operating test, as originally submitted by the licensee, was within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination. Examination changes, agreed upon between the NRC and the licensee, were made according to NUREG-1021. The job performance measures portion of the operating test was waived for both applicants based on their performance during the June 2002 examination.

Examination Results

Both Reactor Operator applicants were administered a dynamic simulator operating test for initial operator licensing. Both applicants passed the re-take examination and were issued reactor operator licenses.

.2 Examination Security

a. Scope

The examiners reviewed and observed the licensee's implementation of examination security requirements during the examination preparation and administration.

b. Findings

The licensee's implementation of examination security requirements during examination preparation and administration were acceptable and met the guidelines provided in NUREG 1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." No violations of 10 CFR 55.49 occurred during the examination preparation and administration.

4OA6 Meetings

Exit Meeting

The chief examiner presented the examination team's preliminary observations and findings on January 21, 2003, to Mr. Hovey and other members of the Operations and Training Department staff. No proprietary items were identified during the administration of the examination nor during the exit meeting with the licensee. The licensee acknowledged the observations and findings presented.

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

Licensee

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D. Bost, Plant Manager
R. Gadbois, Shift Operations Superintendent
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C. Symonds, Training Director

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D. Smith, Senior Resident Inspector, Dresden

LIST OF ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED AND DISCUSSED

Opened

None

Closed

None

Discussed

None

LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

ADAMS	Agency-Wide Document Access and Management System
DRS	Division of Reactor Safety
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PARS	Publicly Available Records
RO	Reactor Operator
SRO	Senior Reactor Operator

SIMULATION FACILITY REPORT

Facility Licensee: Dresden Station
Facility Docket No.: 50-237; 50-249
Operating Tests Administered: January 21, 2003

The following documents observations made by the NRC examination team during the initial operator license examination. These observations do not constitute audit or inspection findings and are not, without further verification and review, indicative of non-compliance with 10 CFR 55.45(b). These observations do not affect NRC certification or approval of the simulation facility other than to provide information which may be used in future evaluations. No licensee action is required in response to these observations.

During the conduct of the simulator portion of the operating tests, the following items were observed:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
None	None