

February 18, 2004

Mr. Roy A. Anderson
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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR
RETAKE EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 05000354/2004301

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This report transmits the results of the senior reactor operator (SRO) licensing retake examination conducted by the NRC on January 6, 2004. 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).

The retake applicant (SRO) passed the examination. NRC staff waived the written test as well as Category B and C of the operating test, which the applicant passed during exams administered in June 2003. On January 8, 2004, the NRC provided final examination results, including the individual license number, during a telephone call between Mr. T. Fish and Mr. J. Reid of your staff. No findings of significance were identified.

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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/

Richard J. Conte, Chief
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Docket No. 50-354
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REGION I

Docket No: 50-354

License No: NPF-57

Report No: 04-301

Licensee: PSEG Nuclear LLC

Facility: Hope Creek Generating Station

Dates: January 6, 2004 (Operating Test Administration)
January 6-7, 2004 (Examination Grading)

Examiners: T. Fish, Sr. Operations Engineer (Chief Examiner)

Approved by: Richard J. Conte, Chief
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000354/2004-301; January 6, 2004; Hope Creek Generating Station; Operator License Retake Examination. One of one applicant (SRO) passed the examination.

The operating test was administered by one region-based examiner.

A. Inspector Identified Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

B. Licensee Identified Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

Report Details

1. REACTOR SAFETY

Mitigating Systems - Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) License Retake Examination

a. Scope of Review

The licensee examination team developed the operating retake examinations (Category A, only) and together with the NRC chief examiner, 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" and it met the overall quality goals (range of acceptability) of these standards. The review was conducted in the Region I office.
- Examination security requirements were met.
- The NRC examiner administered the retake examination on January 6, 2004.

b. Findings

Grading and Results

The applicant (1 SRO) passed the retake examination. Only Category A of the operating test was administered because the applicant had passed the written test and Category B and C of the operating test during exams administered in June 2003.

The facility had no post examination comments.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA6 Meetings, including Exit

On January 8, 2004, the NRC provided examination results to Mr. J. Reid, Operations Training Manager, via telephone. The license number for the applicant was also provided during this call.

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ATTACHMENT 1

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

J. Reid Operations Training Manager
A. Faulkner Operations Training Instructor

LIST OF ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED, AND DISCUSSED

None.