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If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact either me at (301) 415-1019, or pxi@nrc.gov, or Paul Doyle at (301) 415-1058 or pvd@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Request for Additional Information
University of New Mexico AGN 201M Reactor
Operator and Senior Operator Requalification Program

10 CFR 55.59(a)(ii) states: *“The Operating test will require the operator or senior operator to demonstrate an understanding of and the ability to perform the actions necessary to accomplish a comprehensive sample of items specified in §55.45(a) (2) through (13) inclusive to the extent applicable to the facility.”*

The revised Operator and Senior Operator Requalification Program dated August 12, 2004, states that: “Each certified individual is required to take an annual operational exam covering reactivity manipulations in startup, shutdown, and other significant reactivity changes that demonstrate skill or familiarity with the reactivity control systems and general familiarity with the reactor safety systems.”

The staff has determined that this general requirement as specified by the Requalification Program demonstrates compliance with 10 CFR 55.45(a) (2) through (6), (12) and (13) and agrees that (7) is not applicable. In order to complete the review, the staff is requesting the submission of additional information that demonstrates the revised Requalification Program's compliance with 10 CFR 55.45(a) (8) through (11).