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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION OPERATOR AND SENIOR REACTOR
OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 05000354/2005301

Dear Mr. Levis:

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 November 28 - December 5, 2005. 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 9).

Based on the results of the examination, both applicants, one Senior Reactor Operator and one Reactor Operator passed all portions of the examination. Examination results indicated that the applicants were well prepared for the examination. Mr. Steven Dennis discussed performance insights observed during the examination and provided final examination results, including individual license numbers, during a telephone call with Mr. Pete Tocci and Mr. James Reid on December 8, 2005.

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Sincerely,

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REGION I

Docket No. 05000354

License No. NPF-57

Report No. 05000354/2005301

Licensee: PSEG Nuclear LLC

Facility: Hope Creek Generating Station

Dates: November 28 & 29, 2005, Operating Test Administration
December 5, 2005, Written Examination Administration
December 5, 2005, End of Exam Period
December 5-7, 2005, Exam Grading

Examiners: S. Dennis, Senior Operations Engineer (Chief Examiner)
J. D'Antonio, Operations Engineer
M. Brown, Operations Engineer

Approved by:
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Enclosure

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000354/2005301; November 28 to December 5, 2005; Hope Creek; Initial Operator Licensing Examination. Two of two applicants passed the examination (one reactor operator (RO), one senior reactor operator (SRO) instant).

The examination was conducted by three NRC region-based examiners. There were no inspection findings associated with the examination.

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

a. Scope of Review

The NRC examination team developed the written and operating initial examination and together with Hope Creek training and operations personnel verified or ensured, as applicable, the following:

- The examination was prepared and developed in accordance with the guidelines of Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." A review was conducted both in the Region I office and at the Hope Creek 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 November 28 to 29, 2005. The written examination was administered by the NRC on December 5, 2005.

b. Findings

Grading and Results

All two applicants (one SRO instant and one RO) passed all portions of the initial licensing examination. The facility had no post-examination comments.

Examination Administration and Performance

No findings of significance were identified.

4OA6 Exit Meeting Summary

On December 8, 2005, the NRC provided conclusions and examination results to Hope Creek management representatives via telephone. Both applicants passed all portions of the examination and license numbers for both applicants were also provided during 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.

ATTACHMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

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LIST OF ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED, AND DISCUSSED

<u>ITEM NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
NONE		