

October 10, 2006

Mr. Mark B. Bezilla
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FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company
Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
5501 North State Route 2
Oak Harbor, OH 43449-9760

SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Bezilla:

In a telephone conversation on October 10, 2006, Mr. C. Steenburgen, Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. N. Valos, Lead NRC Inspector, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. Based on your request due to emergent plant issues, the inspection was changed from the week of November 13, 2006, to the week of October 23, 2006, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their biennial comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the current biennial written examinations and annual operating tests to the NRC by October 16, 2006. Additionally, to facilitate the efficient conduct of the inspection, please have available on site for review, the documents listed in the enclosure. Mr. Steenburgen has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. N.Valos at 630-829-9761, or me at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Hironori Peterson, Chief
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DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED TO BE AVAILABLE ONSITE
DURING THE INSPECTION WEEK

1. Training and Operations organization chart and site phone book;
2. Technical Specifications/License Operator Requalification Training (LORT) program procedures/Conduct of Operations administrative procedures;
3. Current cycle crew and individual examination evaluations for weeks prior to the exam week inspection;
4. Sample Plan (Master List) for this year's annual examination and how it was derived;
5. The 24-month training plan for the training current cycle;
6. Attendance records for LORT;
7. Applicants pass/fail results for written exams, individual operating tests and simulator operating tests for each requalification cycle;
8. Records related to remediation of recent annual exam failures, and any past failures over the last 2 years;
9. Complete Annual Exam Schedule illustrating operating and staff crews: names, positions, dates, and times for exam administration;
10. LORT related condition reports written in the last two years;
11. Reports related to NRC performance indicators - e.g., safety system failures, transients, scrams, risk important scrams;
12. The last QA audit that evaluated your requalification program;
13. Any operations and LORT self-assessments done during the 2-year training cycle;
14. Operator, instructor, management feedback during the 2-year training cycle;
15. Curriculum review committee meeting minutes for past two years;
16. Training Advisory Committee meeting minutes for past two years;
17. Proficiency watch list for active/reactivated licenses, including the procedure for how you keep track of proficiency watches and license restrictions;
18. Access to complete licensed operator medical records;
19. Lesson plan(s) addressing: Plant Events/LERs/SOERs/Mods/Lessons Learned;
20. Applicable ANSI 3.5 Standard for simulator fidelity;
21. Simulator evaluations for any EOP operator response time(s) based on UFSAR time limits performed during the 2-year cycle;
22. Simulator open items list and performance indicators;
23. Simulator management and configuration control procedure(s);
24. List of open simulator discrepancies;
25. List of closed simulator discrepancies for the last 12 months;
26. Simulator performance tests: Transient, Malfunction, Core Performance, Normal Plant Evolution, Operator Conducted Surveillances, etc., including applicable plots/trends;
27. Simulator Review Board meeting minutes for past two years; and
28. Responses to questions in Inspection Procedure 71111.11, Appendix C, "Checklist for Evaluating Plant Referenced Simulators Operating under 10 CFR 55.46(c) and (d)."

Enclosure