

October 31, 2007

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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
NRC INITIAL LICENSE EXAMINATION REPORT 05000263/2007302(DRS)

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

On October 3, 2007, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP) trainers administered an initial operator license re-take written examination to a license applicant that failed the February 2007 initial license written examination. The enclosed report documents the results of the re-take examination which were discussed on October 3, 2007, with Mr. J. Earl, MNGP Operations Training Supervisor. There were no post-examination comments submitted by the facility.

One Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) applicant was administered a re-take written examination. The applicant was a previously licensed Reactor Operator at MNGP. The result of the examination was finalized on October 30, 2007. The applicant passed the re-take written examination and was issued a Senior Reactor Operator license.

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

Sincerely,

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Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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License No. DPR-22

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w/Attachment: Supplemental Information
2. Simulation Facility Report
3. Written Examinations and Answer
Keys (RO/SRO)

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REGION III

Docket No: 50-263
License No: DPR-22

Report No: 05000263/2007302

Licensee: Nuclear Management Company, LLC

Facility: Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Location: Monticello, Minnesota

Date: October 3, 2007

Examiner: D. McNeil, Senior Operations Engineer

Approved by: Hironori Peterson, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER 05000263/2007302(DRS); 10/03/2007; Nuclear Management Company, LLC, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Initial License Examination Report.

A written re-take initial operator licensing examination was administered by Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant training department personnel in accordance with the guidance of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9.

Examination Summary:

One Senior Reactor Operator applicant passed the written re-take examination. The operating test was waived based on the applicant's performance on a previous NRC examination. The applicant was issued a Senior Reactor Operator license. (Section 4OA5.1).

REPORT DETAILS

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA5 Other

.1 Initial Licensing Examinations

a. Examination Scope

Members of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Training Department prepared the examination outline and developed the written examination. The operating test was waived for the applicant based on the applicant's performance on a February 2007 license examination. The training staff administered the written re-take examination on October 3, 2007. The station's examination developers and the NRC examiners used the guidance established in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, to prepare, validate, revise, administer, and grade the examination.

b. Findings

Written Examination

During the validation of the written examination several questions were modified or replaced as requested by the NRC examiners. Changes made to the written examination were documented on Form ES-401-9, "Written Examination Review Worksheet," which is available electronically in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). Less than 20 percent of the examination was considered unsatisfactory for examination use and therefore, met the NRC's expectations for a submitted examination. There were no comments from the NRC examiners on the submitted examination outline. The licensee stated that there were no written examination post-examination comments for consideration by the NRC examiners. The NRC examiners graded the written examination on October 25, 2007.

Operating Test

Because of the applicant's performance on the operating test administered during February 2007, the applicant's request for a waiver of an operating test was granted. No operating test was developed for this examination.

Examination Results

The Senior Reactor Operator applicant was administered a written retake examination. The applicant passed the examination and was issued an operating license.

.2 Examination Security

a. Scope

The NRC examiners reviewed the licensee's implementation of examination security requirements during the examination development and administration to assure compliance with 10 CFR 55.49, "Integrity of Examinations and Tests." The examiners used the guidelines provided in NUREG 1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," to determine acceptability of the licensee's examination security activities.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were observed in the area of examination security.

4OA6 Meetings

Exit Meeting

The chief examiner, Mr. Dell McNeil, Senior Operations Engineer, and Mr. John Earl, Operations Training Manager, discussed the station's preliminary grading results for the re-take written examination on October 3, 2007. The chief examiner asked the licensee whether any of the material used to develop or administer the examination should be considered proprietary. No proprietary or sensitive information was identified during the examination development or exit meeting.

ATTACHMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

Licensee

J. Earl, Monticello Operations Training Supervisor

NRC

D. McNeil, Senior Operations Engineer

ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED, AND DISCUSSED

Opened, Closed, and Discussed

None

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

None

LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

ADAMS	Agency-Wide Document Access and Management System
DRS	Division of Reactor Safety
IR	Inspection Report
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
RO	Reactor Operator
SRO	Senior Reactor Operator

SIMULATION FACILITY REPORT

Facility Licensee: Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Facility Docket No: 50-263

Operating Tests Administered: N/A – test waived

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	

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS AND ANSWER KEYS (RO/SRO)

RO/SRO Initial Examination ADAMS Accession # ML 073040388.