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SUBJECT: LICENSED OPERATOR POSITIVE DRUG TEST

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You should determine whether the operator meets the requirements of 10 CFR 55.33(a) (1). You should ensure that (1) the operator meets the general health requirements of ANSI/ANS-3.4-1983, (2) the operator does not have a disqualifying condition under Section 5.3 of that standard, and (3) documentation describing the designated physician's conclusion that the operator meets the requirements of ANSI/ANS-3.4-1983 is available for review by the NRC. If a conditional license is requested per 10 CFR 55.25, that condition should be documented on NRC Form 396 and transmitted to the NRC.

If you determine that the operator no longer meets the medical qualifications described in 10 CFR 55.33(a)(1) then, in accordance with 10 CFR 55.25, you should notify the NRC via letter of the operator's incapacitation. For example, you must notify the NRC if you determine based on your employee assistance program in consultation with your designated physician, that the operator can no longer meet the medical criteria of ANSI/ANS-3.4-1983.

The NRC will evaluate the information in your reply to this letter to determine if further action is warranted pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 50 or 55. The information supplied will be maintained in NRC Privacy System of Records-16 and will be subject to the Privacy Act.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

/RA/

Kriss M. Kennedy, Director
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Docket Nos.: 50-327, 50-328
License Nos.: DPR-77, DPR-79

Enclosure: Licensed Operator Fitness-For-Duty Questionnaire

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LICENSED OPERATOR FITNESS-FOR-DUTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Sequoyah Nuclear Plant is requested to provide the following information concerning the fitness-for-duty report of November 7, 2008, regarding the involved licensed operator:

1. Name and responsibilities of the operator.

2. A summary of the operator's entire fitness-for-duty testing history. Please include the dates and times the operator was tested, the reasons for the tests (i.e., random, for-cause, or follow-up), the results of the tests, the facility cut-off level for the substance involved, and the dates that any tests were confirmed positive.

3. Whether the operator used, sold, or possessed illegal drugs. If so, please provide the details of the circumstances surrounding such use, sale, or possession.

4. Whether the operator was at the controls while under the influence of drugs. If so, please provide the details of the operator's performance of licensed duties while under the influence of drugs, including the time between when the sample was taken and the positive test confirmation.

5. Whether the operator was involved in procedural errors related to this occurrence. If so, please provide the details of the procedural errors and the consequences of the errors.

6. Your intentions with regard to the operator's resumption of duties under the 10 CFR Part 50 and Part 55 licenses, including your plans for follow-up testing.

7. Your company’s policy/procedure on the influence of drugs in the work place. Please include your company’s cut-off limit if it is more stringent than the limit set forth in 10 CFR 26, App. A (2.7) (e) (1).

Enclosure