



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
811 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 400
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-4005

December 8, 2006

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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION NO. RIV-2006-A-0033

Dear

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This letter is in regard to the concerns you brought to the NRC in your letter dated April 13, 2006, to the NRC Resident Inspectors at the Callaway Plant, and subsequent conversations with Mr. Anthony Gody, Operations Branch Chief, Ms. Judith Walker, Allegations Coordinator, and myself.

We have completed our review of one of your concerns as noted on the enclosure. Your other concerns are still under review by the NRC. When we have completed our review of those issues, we will notify you of our findings, actions, and the final resolution of your concerns.

Should you have any additional questions, or if I can be of further assistance in this matter, please call me at 800-952-9677 extension 245 Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 pm Central time.

Sincerely,

Harry A. Freeman
Senior Allegation Coordinator

Enclosure:
Resolution of Concern

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Concern 4

The operations crew may have been "carrying" the inattentive operations ^{(b)(7)c} during licensed operator requalification in that the shift crew had to compensate for the ^{(b)(7)c} inadequacies and the grading standard was relaxed in order for the crew to pass. ^{(b)(7)c} told you that this was not a regulatory issue since the exam still met the NRC threshold.

Resolution 4

The Operations Branch reviewed and inspected this concern from March 21 through July 13, 2006, during onsite and in-office reviews of the 2005 written and operating biennial requalification examinations. In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59 (a)(4), the requalification program is required to include comprehensive biennial written requalification examinations and annual operating tests to identify licensed operator knowledge and ability weaknesses for which retraining is needed. Elements of this review also included discussions with applicable licensee personnel.

During the review of the 2005 biennial requalification examination related issues, the inspection concluded that, although there were some biennial written examination quality issues the overall examination was acceptable and that the annual operating test was developed, administered, and graded in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examinations for Power Reactors," Revision 9. Of particular note, was that the 2005 annual operating test was found to be both equitable and consistent as required by 10 CFR 55.49, "Integrity of Examinations and Tests," and that effective remedial training for those operators who failed their first annual operating test was conducted prior to returning them to shift duties. Based on the results of the inspection, the inspectors did not identify any improper action in the licensee's requalification program. No evidence to substantiate this concern was identified.

ENCLOSURE