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EXAMINATION REPORT
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket:	50-354
License:	NPF-57
Report:	05000354/2011301
Licensee:	PSEG Nuclear LLC
Facility:	Hope Creek Generating Station – Unit 1
Location:	Hancocks Bridge, NJ
Dates:	January 27, 2011 (Written Examination Administration) January 31, 2011 (Licensee Submitted Post Exam Package) January 31, 2011 (NRC Examination Grading) February 3, 2011 (License Issued)
Examiners:	T. Fish, Chief Examiner B. Fuller, Examiner
Approved By:	Samuel L. Hansell, Jr., Chief Operations Branch Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER 05000354/2011301; January 27, 2011; Hope Creek Generating Station – Unit 1; Initial Operator Licensing Retake Examination Report.

The NRC examiner evaluated the competency of one applicant for an instant senior reactor operator license at the Hope Creek facility. The facility licensee developed the retake examination using NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1. The written retake examination (SRO-only section) was administered by the facility on January 27, 2011. The license examiner determined that the applicant satisfied the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, and the appropriate license was issued.

A. NRC-Identified and Self-Revealing Findings

None

B. Licensee-Identified Violations

None

Enclosure

REPORT DETAILS

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA5 Other Activities (Initial Operator License Examination)

.1 License Applications

a. Scope

The examiner reviewed the license re-application submitted by the licensee to ensure the application reflected that the applicant satisfied relevant eligibility requirements. The application was submitted on NRC Form 398, "Personal Qualification Statement," and NRC Form 396, "Certification of Medical Examination by Facility Licensee."

b. Findings

No findings were identified.

.2 Operator Knowledge and Performance

a. Examination Scope

On January 27, 2011, the licensee proctored the administration of the written examination to the applicant. The licensee staff graded the written examination, analyzed the results, and presented their analysis to the NRC on January 31, 2011.

b. Findings

The applicant passed the retake written examination. The examination questions may be accessed in the ADAMS system under the accession number noted in Attachment 1. In accordance with current NRC policy the release of this written examination will be delayed for two years.

.3 Initial Licensing Examination Development

a. Examination Scope

The facility licensee developed the retake examination in accordance with the Examination Standards. All licensee facility training and operations staff involved in examination preparation and validation were on a security agreement. The facility licensee submitted the written outline on November 15, 2010. The chief examiner reviewed the outlines against the requirements of the Standards, and provided comments to the licensee. The facility licensee submitted the draft examination package on January 3, 2011. The chief examiner reviewed the draft examination package against the requirements of the Standards, and provided comments to the facility licensee on January 14, 2011. The examination was within the range of acceptability for a proposed examination. The facility licensee satisfactorily completed comment resolution on January 18, 2011.

b. Findings

No findings were identified.

.4 Examination Security

a. Examination Scope

The examiner reviewed examination security for examination development and examination administration for compliance with the Examination Standards.

b. Findings

No findings were identified.

4OA6 Meetings, Including Exit

The chief examiner presented the examination results to Mr. R. Boesch of the facility licensee's staff on February 3, 2011.

The licensee did not identify any information or materials used during the examination as proprietary.

ATTACHMENT 1: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ATTACHMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

Licensee Personnel

T. Catalano, Facility Exam Developer
R. Boesch, Operations Training Manager

ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED, AND DISCUSSED

None

ADAMS DOCUMENTS REFERENCED

Accession No. ML103200290	FINAL-Written Exam