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Docket No. 50-335

Dr. Robert E. Uhrig
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Dear Dr. Uhrig:

This letter concerns the activities at the Unit 1, St. Lucie Plant regarding the training of those individuals that apply for operator and senior operator licenses.

From October of 1975 to January of 1978, we administered twenty-one (21) operator and thirty-eight (38) senior operator examinations. All applicants passed the examinations except for one operator and two senior operators. Both senior operators subsequently passed their reexamination. These results supported the view that the facility licensee appreciated its responsibility to provide well trained and competent operating staff members at the facility.

However, in the recent examinations of April 1979, four of the seven operators and three of the five senior operators failed their examinations.

Under 10 CFR Part 55, an application for a license must include evidence that the applicant has learned to operate the controls in a competent and safe manner. The Commission may accept as proof of this, a certification of the facility licensee; this has been our practice for the Unit 1, St. Lucie Plant applicants.

As the data above indicates, the most recent certifications have been, in large part, invalid. The performance of Unit 1, St. Lucie Plant has been highly unsatisfactory, both in providing the requisite training for applicants and in determining whether an acceptable level of competence has been achieved. This has resulted in significant expenditure of non-productive effort by our staff, as well as yours.

We request that you, or members of your staff, and Unit 1, St. Lucie Plant management meet with members of the Division of Project Management to discuss our concerns regarding the training programs and certification of license.

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applicants. Specifically, we suggest the following agenda:

1. Discussion of the applicants' deficiencies as reflected in results of the written examinations.
2. Discussion of the applicants' deficiencies as reflected in results of the operating tests.
3. A review of the means employed by management to certify applicants, including a review of pre-licensing examination results, evaluations and recommendations of individuals involved in conducting and evaluating the associated training programs.
4. A review of the station's future training programs, including the details of course content, duration and specific criteria for determining that a prospective applicant has successfully completed the training programs and has learned to operate the controls in a competent and safe manner.

We suggest that the meeting be held in our office and the items enumerated above be resolved prior to the administration of any future examinations at the Unit 1, St. Lucie Plant. Please contact Mr. Paul F. Collins, Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, to make the necessary meeting arrangements.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by
D. J. Skovholt*

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Enclosure:
10 CFR Part 55

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