

November 16, 1989

Mr. Lee Oxsen
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Dear Mr. Oxsen:

Subject: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM EVALUATION

In a telephone conversation between Mr. Gene Fisher, Supervisor, WNP-2 Requalification Training Program, and Mr. Tom Meadows, Licensing Examiner, arrangements were made for an evaluation of the requalification program and licensed personnel at the Washington Nuclear Project, Unit 2. The evaluation visit is scheduled for the time period of February 26, 1990 to March 9, 1990.

For this visit, the NRC examiners will administer the operating and written examinations. The NRC examiners will discuss with the appropriate facility personnel and operators the schedule and the process for these examinations. For the examiners to adequately prepare for this visit, it will be necessary for the facility to furnish the approved items listed in Enclosure 1 "Reference Material Requirements" by December 12, 1989. Mr. Fisher has been advised of our reference material requirements and where they are to be sent.

The NRC reserves the right to postpone NRC administered requalification examinations if the facility generated materials are inadequate for examination preparation.

It is requested that an employee be provided to complete the examination team. The employee shall be an active (per the requirements of 10 CFR 55.53(e) or (f)) SRO from the WNP-2 Operations Department. If desired by the facility, and agreed to by the Chief Examiner, an additional employee from the Training Department may be a member of the examination team. This employee shall preferably be an active (per the requirements of 10 CFR 55.53(e) or (f)) SRO, but may be a facility or INPO certified instructor. These individuals must not be scheduled for an NRC administered examination during this visit, or participate as instructors once selected. The facility representatives will be required to certify that they did not knowingly compromise any portion of the examination.

The facility representatives shall be restricted (1) from knowingly communicating by any means the content or scope of the examination to unauthorized persons and (2) from participating in any facility programs such as instruction, examination, or tutoring in which an identified requalification examinee(s) will be present. These restrictions shall apply from 60 days prior to the examination date.

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In addition to these two individuals, the assignment of a simulator operator is requested 14 days prior to the scheduled examination date. The simulator operator will be under examination security restrictions similar to those above, except that his/her restrictions shall apply from 14 days prior to the examination date.

The facility management is responsible for providing adequate space and accommodations to properly develop and conduct the examinations. Enclosure 2, "Administration of Requalification Examinations," describes our requirements for developing and conducting the examinations. Mr. Fisher has also been informed of these requirements. Also, a facility operations management representative (as a minimum, first level above shift supervisor) should observe the simulation facility examination process at the site.

Enclosure 3, contains the "NRC Rules and Guidance for Examinees" that will be in effect during the administration of the written examination. The facility management is responsible for ensuring that all operators are aware of these rules. The requalification examinations and the subsequent evaluation of the facility requalification program will be performed in accordance with ES-601, Revision 5.

This request is covered by Office of Management and Budget Clearance Number 3150-0101 which expires May 31, 1992. The estimated average burden is 7.7 hours per response, including gathering, xeroxing and mailing the required material. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Records and Reports Management Branch, Division of Information Support Services, Office of Information Resources Management, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555; and to the Paperwork Reduction Project (3150-0101), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D. C. 20503.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions on the evaluation process, please contact Mr. Tom Meadows, Chief Examiner, at (415) 943-3867, or Mr. Lew Miller, Chief, Operations Section, Region V, at (415) 943-3869.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Reference Material Requirements
2. Administration of Requalification Examinations
3. NRC Rules and Guidelines for Examinees

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