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security & maintain licensed operator biennial medical
exams identified & being treated as noncited violations.

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September 27, 1999

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SUBJECT: D. C. COOK OPERATOR LICENSING REQUALIFICATION AND SPECIAL INSPECTION REPORT 50-315/99016(DRS); 50-316/99016(DRS)

Dear Mr. Powers:

On August 6, 1999, the NRC completed a routine on-site inspection of the licensed operator requalification training (LORT) program at your D. C. Cook, Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. An exit meeting was conducted at the facility following the conclusion of the inspection on August 17, 1999, and the preliminary inspection findings were discussed with station management and staff. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection. No cited violations of NRC requirements were identified.

In addition, we concurrently completed a special inspection that reviewed your corrective actions related to Case Specific Checklist Item No. 5.D, "Applicant Abilities to Communicate and Diagnose Events During Dynamic Simulator Scenarios." As delineated in our letter to you, "Case Specific Checklist Update for Restart of D. C. Cook Plant," dated September 17, 1999, we determined that you have appropriately addressed Case Specific Checklist Item No. 5.D, and we consider this item closed.

During the 2-week inspection period, your staff's implementation of the training program was generally characterized by safety conscious operations and sound evaluation of licensed operator performance. Also, the operating examination materials (simulator scenarios and job performance measures) prepared by your training staff were considered satisfactory. The inspectors concluded that the LORT program was satisfactorily implemented in accordance with 10 CFR Part 55 requirements. However, the inspectors noted several minor performance weaknesses pertaining to crew communications, procedure use, and command and control during the dynamic simulator scenario evaluations. Furthermore, the inspectors identified several programmatic deficiencies relating to examination security, medical records, and maintenance of active operator license status.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations pertained to the failure to maintain examination material security, maintain licensed operator biennial medical examinations, notify the NRC of changing medical conditions, and maintenance of active operator licenses.

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Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy requires that for Severity Level IV violations to be dispositioned as NCVs, they be appropriately placed in a licensee corrective action program. Implicit in that requirement is that the corrective action program be fully acceptable. The D. C. Cook Plant corrective action program was not adequate and has been the focus of significant attention by your staff to improve the program. While your staff and the NRC have not yet concluded that the corrective action program is fully effective, the corrective action program improvement efforts are underway and captured in the D. C. Cook Plant Restart Plan which is under the formal oversight of the NRC through the NRC Manual Chapter 0350 process, "Staff Guidelines for Restart Approval." Consequently, these issues will be dispositioned as NCVs.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter, if you choose to provide one, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by John A. Grobe

John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-315; 50-316
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- Enclosures: 1. Inspection Report 50-315/99016(DRS); 50-316/99016(DRS)
2. Simulation Facility Report

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