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Arkansas Power & Light Company
ATTN: Mr. J. W. Anderson, Jr.,
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Gentlemen:

On January 18, 1978, a member of our operator licensing staff was assigned to the NRC Region II Office as the Operator Licensing Branch Regional Representative. This transfer has been made as part of a pilot test program which includes evaluation of the feasibility of regionalizing the Operator Licensing Branch functions. Mr. Joseph J. Buzy of our office has been selected for this position.

The duties of the Regional Representative will include administration of all nonpower reactor examinations. When requested by Headquarters, he will assist in conducting examinations at power reactors and audit requalification program written examinations in the Region. He will review any changes to the licensed operator requalification programs. Periodically, the Representative will audit training programs at utility and vendor training centers. All these assignments will be performed in accordance with NRR procedures. When audits and reviews are completed, he will forward his recommendations to Headquarters.

When assigned by the Regional Director, the OLB Representative will audit training and requalification programs at any facility. The results of these audits will be included in the inspection reports

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which are issued by the Regional Office. Audits of this nature will be performed in accordance with IE procedures. Inspection results of training programs are used by the NRC to validate commitments made in the safety analysis report, the facility license and on individual applications. Inspection results of requalification programs are also used in evaluation of applications of renewal of licenses.

Correspondence, including applications for licenses, renewal of licenses and changes to requalification programs should continue to be sent to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Washington, D. C. 20555.

Mr. Buzy should be contacted directly at the Region II Office (Area Code 404, 221-5509) for the following:

1. Scheduling of nonpower reactor examinations;
2. Proposed changes to licensed operator training or requalification programs for all facilities with operating licenses.

If you have any questions concerning this pilot test program, please contact Mr. Buzy in Region II or Paul F. Collins, Chief, Operator Licensing Branch.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Roger S. Boyd

Roger S. Boyd, Director
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