



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION V

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November 21, 1989

Docket No. 50-89

Dr. Keith Asmussen, Manager
Licensing, Safety and Nuclear Compliance
General Atomics
P. O. Box 81608
San Diego, California 92138

Dear Dr. Asmussen:

Subject: Examination Report

From October 30, 1989 through November 2, 1989 the NRC administered examinations to one Reactor Operator candidate and two Senior Reactor Operator candidates, who had applied for licenses to operate your TRIGA facilities. All of these candidates passed their examinations and were subsequently issued a license.

Our examiner found that your operator candidates had difficulty referencing the standard operating procedures (SOP-IV), or abnormal/emergency operating procedures (SOP VI/ VII) that stipulate the safe operation of facility. Although the candidates performed the correct actions required by the examination scenarios imposed, they had difficulty referencing the associated procedures when asked to substantiate their actions.

This finding and aspects of the operator licensing process were discussed with the members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and enclosures (1) and (2) will be placed in the NRC's public document room.

Should you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact Mr. Thomas Meadows at (415) 943-3867.

Sincerely,


Dennis F. Kirsch, Chief
Reactor Safety Branch

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- 2. Examinations and Answer Keys (SRO and RO)
- 3. Written Examination Facility Comments/NRC Resolution of Comments (SRO/RO examinations) w/ Attachment A
- 4. Power Plant Examination Results Summary

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