

January 14, 1994

Docket No. 50-341

The Detroit Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. D. R. Gipson
Senior Vice President
Nuclear Generation
6400 North Dixie Highway
Newport, MI 48166

Dear Mr. Gipson:

The enclosed report refers to the inspection conducted by M. Bielby and D. Payne from November 29 to December 3, 1993. The inspection evaluated Operations activities at the Fermi 2 Nuclear Plant authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-43. The inspection findings were discussed with you and members of your staff at the exit meeting conducted on December 3, 1993.

The purpose of the inspection was to assess the licensed operator requalification program. The inspection consisted of reviews of training administrative procedures, representative records, requalification training materials, and observation of licensed operators during requalification examination administration. Additionally, interviews were conducted with members of the operations and training staffs.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken, and any additional actions you plan to take, to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions, and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

A concern was identified with the training of operators on plant control and reactivity manipulations specified in 10 CFR 55.59. In lieu of actual performance, operators receive credit for these tasks by just being on the crew when the tasks are performed.

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Another concern was the lack of conducting the annual dynamic simulator operating test of the individual operators against an established standard. Paragraph 59(a)(2) of Part 55 states that operators must pass an annual operating test. The simulator operating test conducted did not have standard or objective grading criteria against which each operator was evaluated.

You are requested to respond to these two concerns within 30 days of the date of this letter. Your response should include the actions taken by your requalification program to ensure licensed operators can actually perform, or direct as appropriate, plant control manipulations. Your response also should include how each of your operators is objectively evaluated against a set of standard criteria, and what those criteria are.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The NRC will gladly discuss any questions you may have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,
original signed by
Mark A. Ring, Chief
Operations Branch

Enclosure: Inspection Report
No. 50-341/93019(DRS)

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