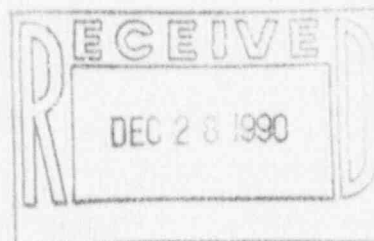


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- References:
1. Docket No. 50-285
  2. Letter from OPPD (K. J. Morris) to NRC (R. D. Martin) dated August 17, 1989 (LIC-89-680)
  3. Letter from OPPD (W. G. Gates) to NRC (R. D. Martin) dated October 26, 1990 (LIC-90-0848)

Dear Mr. Martin:

SUBJECT: Status of Additional On-Shift Licensed Operators for Fort Calhoun Station (FCS)

This letter is to inform you of Omaha Public Power District's (OPPDs) progress toward increasing the number of on-shift licensed operators at FCS. OPPD has increased the staffing level of the operations department and developed a plan to train additional operators for a Reactor Operator (RO) license (Reference 2).

Since August, 1989, six on-shift licensed operators have been added and FCS is now fully staffed with twenty on-shift licensed operators available (eighteen is considered a full six shift complement). OPPD planned to have added nine on-shift licensed operators by November 30, 1990 but was unable to do so when four initial RO license candidates discontinued training prior to taking the examination (Reference 3). Currently, a class with six initial RO license candidates is in progress and a Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) class is scheduled to begin in January 1991. An RO/SRO license examination in October 1991, is anticipated for these candidates.

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Although OPPD has not added the number of on-shift licensed operators originally planned, significant progress has occurred. OPPD management has re-evaluated this issue and believes that the present complement of licensed operators is sufficient to safely and effectively operate FCS. With the addition of the candidates currently in training, this ability will be further enhanced. The training of additional operators for a RO/SRO license continues to be a management priority.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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