

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

Docket No. 50-320

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Harold R. Denton, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM:

Paul F. Collins, Chief, Operator Licensing Branch, DPM

THRU:

Donald J. Skovholt, Assistant Director for Quality Assurance and Operations, DPM

NRR D. F. Ross, Jr., Acting Director, Division of Project Management,

SUBJECT:

OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMS AT TMI-2

In the near future, operator licensing exams will need to be conducted at TMI-2. Licensed personnel are still required to meet the manning requirements of the facility technical specifications. Replacement personnel are necessary due to attrition and the reassignment of licensed operators. Therefore, we must conduct exams for initial Reactor Operators and upgrade Senior Reactor Operators.

Due to the uncertain nature of future operation, all TMI-2 licenses are restricted to the present mode of operation (cold shutdown). Any licenses issued as a result of interim exams at TMI-2 will be restricted to cold shutdown operations. Accordingly, the content of these exams will be based upon those procedures and systems in use during the shutdown and recovery of TMI-2. The exams shall, however, follow the existing format and cover the basic areas outlined in 10 CFR 55. As in the case of TMI-1, we intend to reexamine all operators prior to restart of Unit 2.

In order to prepare the TMI-2 applicants for the future exams, Met-Ed intends to provide them with supplemental training. This training will cover the existing status of TMI-2 and the new as well as the previously installed systems to be used during the shutdown operations of the unit. A review of the procedures developed to operate these systems and the revised emergency procedures will be included in the training program. In addition, emphasis will be placed on the

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long-term recovery of the unit, including the revised technical specifications and radwaste operations. Met-Ed will provide an outline of the training program for our review when license applications are submitted.

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