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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Frank J. Miraglia, Jr., Deputy Director
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Martin G. Malsch, Deputy General Counsel
for Licensing and Regulations
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FROM: C. J. Heltemes, Jr., Deputy Director
for Generic Issues and Rulemaking
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

SUBJECT: REVISION OF 10 CFR PART 55, "OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION
EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS" (TAC NO. M83023)

The purpose of this memorandum is to request your concurrence on the extent and substance of a rulemaking in preparation to revise 10 CFR Part 55, "Operator Requalification Examination Requirements."

1. Title: Revision of 10 CFR Part 55
2. RES Section-Task Leader: Rajender Auluck (492-3794)
3. Cognizant Individual: NRR: David J. Lange (504-3171)
4. Requested Action: Concurrence on enclosed Issue Paper
5. Requested Completion Date: July 31, 1992
6. Summary: By memorandum dated April 14, 1992, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation requested the subject amendments. The planned amendments are: 1) to eliminate the requirement for each licensed operator to pass a comprehensive requalification written examination and operating test administered by the NRC during the term of the operator's 6-year license, and 2) to require each facility licensee to submit a copy of each comprehensive requalification written examination and annual operating test to the NRC for review as part of a revised inspection program.

By SRM dated June 23, 1992 (enclosed), the Commission approved the staff's plans for developing the proposed amendments related to the Operator's requalification examination requirements and recommended that the staff utilize results-based approaches to the maximum extent possible.

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We are requesting that you review the enclosed issue paper and provide us with your recommendations and approval by the date requested above.

Original Signed by:

C. J. Heltemes, Jr., Deputy Director
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Enclosures:

- 1. SRM dated June 23, 1992
- 2. Issue Paper

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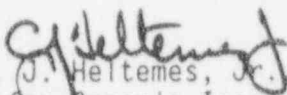
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