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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-313  
License No. DPR-51  
Exemption Request from Operations Requalification Schedule  
Requirements to Accommodate National Examination Schedule

Dear Mr. Murley:

Entergy Operations requests an exemption under 10CFR55.11 for ANO-1 to allow a three-month extension in 1991 to the annual and biennial schedule requirements of 10CFR55.59 sections (a) and (c). This request is necessary as Entergy Operations is also requesting a one-time revision to the ANO-1 requalification program schedule to permit Arkansas Nuclear One to align the Unit One requalification program with the National Examination Schedule.

Generic Letter 89-03 established the National Examination Schedule and allotted examination months of February and August to ANO-1. The current requalification cycle ends in May 1991. Therefore, as discussed in NUREG 1021, Revision 6, ES601, Item C.1.A.2, ANO-1 requests a one-time revision to the requalification cycle schedule to align the cycle with the National Examination Schedule. Scheduling the examinations in February 1991 is causing hardships due to the compression of the training cycle which would be required to complete the requalification program by February (instead of May) and to the proximity of the ANO-1 and ANO-2 refueling outages. For these reasons, we request that the cycle be extended to end in August 1991. Subsequent requalification cycles would end in August of each odd-numbered year.

Extending the cycle from the current ending date of May 1991 to August 1991 necessitates a request for an exemption under 10CFR55.11 to the schedule requirements of 10CFR55.59 for the year 1991. The annual operational examination and biennial comprehensive examinations required by 10CFR55.59(a) would be given in August 1991 instead of May 1991. Also, the requalification program requirements of 10CFR55.59(c) will be affected as the two-year training cycle ending in 1991 will be extended. Cycles beginning after this extension will comply with the required schedule. Scheduling the examinations in August 1991 would still achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

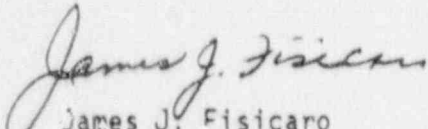
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Training will continue to be given to the operators during the months from May to August 1991. Granting this exemption from the schedule required by 10CFR55.59 will not endanger life or property nor decrease plant safety.

This letter supersedes our schedule extension request dated September 6, 1990 (1CAN099003), as previously discussed with Project Manager Tom Alexion and Clyde Shiraki of the NRC staff. This exemption request has been discussed with the NRC Region IV Chief Examiner.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (501) 964-8601.

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