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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Report on Non-Implementation of Operator Requalification Plan for Dr. P. J. Rogers

In the course of review of records in conjunction with an on-site inspection by Region IV inspector Blair Nicholas, the following omissions were found:

No annual written or practical examinations were conducted for Senior Operator Patricia J. Rogers between 7/6/92 and 2/13/95 in violation of the requirements of the requalification plan for the facility for annual examinations. Dr. George Miller, the only other licensed operator (Senior or otherwise) at the facility is exempt from examination requirements as the Training Supervisor.

Dr. Rogers continued to operate the reactor between 7/6/92, when a full examination by NRC was administered, which she passed with excellent performance in all areas, and 2/8/94 at which time the reactor was shut-down for instrumentation upgrade work. This work was more prolonged than anticipated and extended until February 1995. She continued to perform maintenance and surveillance activities for the shut-down reactor, but no operation was done or was possible. During restart of the reactor during the period 2/12/95 through 2/15/95, she was examined in both written and oral modes and reviewed all new and former practices and procedures before being returned to full status as an SRO for the facility.

Thus Dr. Rogers was an "active" Senior Operator (actually inserting the key and operating criticality controls) for a period of about 19 months after her last examination. She then was an operator of a shutdown facility for a further period before being retrained to operate at facility restart.

Proposed Corrective Action: steps will be taken to create a checklist for such items as required exam schedules to be reported regularly at ROC meetings, so that deadlines and frequencies are noted at semi-annual intervals.

Sincerely yours,

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Reactor Supervisor

cc: ROC members, Dr. Patricia Rogers  
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