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REFERENCE: Docket 50-186  
University of Missouri Research Reactor  
License R-103

SUBJECT: Request for Changes to the MURR Requalification Program

The University of Missouri Research Reactor submits the attached revised Requalification Program for NRC review and approval. We request that this program replace the current program which was approved April 26, 1978.

The main changes to the program are as follows:

1. References to NRC regulations have been updated.
2. The sections of the written biennial exam have been modified to be similar to NRC initial exams and use the content guidance provided in NUREG-1478, Rev. 1, Non-Power Reactor Operator Licensing Examination Standards.
3. The biennial written exam will now have a second separate exam prepared for the person/ persons who develop and review the primary written exam.
4. A new section providing documentation for active operator status was added to the program. This regulatory requirement is currently met by administrative procedure.
5. An annual operating test and evaluation has been added to the program using the general guidance of NUREG-1478, Rev. 1, for operating tests. The current program requirements for Periodic Observation and Evaluation (Section 2.3) are used to meet the regulatory requirements for an annual operating test.
6. The records retention section has been revised to reflect the retention of requalification records for the duration of each operator's license (> 6 years). These records are currently retained for that period to meet regulation.

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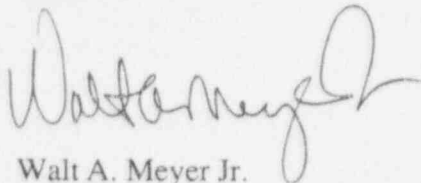
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The proposed changes to the MURR Requalification Program are based on recent changes to NRC regulations. The guidance for administering requalification written exams and operating tests has been drawn from NUREG-1478, Rev. 1 (June 1995), Non-Power Reactor Operator Licensing Examination Standards.

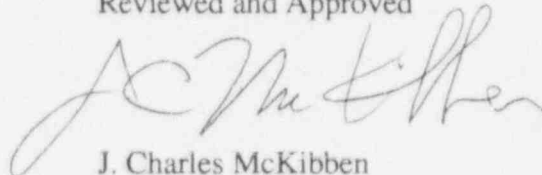
If there are any questions, please contact me at 573-882-5203 or Tony Schoone at 573-882-5296.

Sincerely,



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