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Docket No. 50-346

Toledo Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter, Serial No. 1-610, dated January 27, 1986, regarding the results of recent operator examinations. Upon receipt, your letter was forwarded to the Operator Licensing Branch (OLB) for their review.

OLB has discussed your concerns with the examiners who conducted examinations at your facility on November 19, 20, and 21, 1985. Their review determined that although questions were asked where reference to a procedure was required, the failure to respond accurately without the procedure was not used by the examiner as a negative finding. These types of questions were asked as a method to stimulate discussion on related pieces of equipment. As clearly stated in your letter, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not require memorization of procedures as a technique to assess an individual's ability to safely operate the facility. It should be noted that only one out of nine applicants examined failed the operating test. These results compare favorably with your established excellent pass rate.

In regards to your comments concerning the written examination, we have discussed this with the examiner and NRC Headquarters personnel. We have determined that the examination was prepared, reviewed, and approved according to standards established by NUREG 1021. Our re-review of the examination and comments supplied by Davis-Besse training personnel revealed some questions that may not have been as clear or as operationally oriented as we would desire but were still within the guidelines established for a written examination and were not significant enough to make a difference in the overall grading. Our findings have been forwarded to the examiner so that changes can be made to these questions in the examination question bank.

We are in contact with our training staff and are working to reschedule the examination as soon as we have an examiner free of other assignments.

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If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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