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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-313/98-301; 50-368/98-301

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

From August 31 through September 4, 1998, an operator licensing certification inspection was conducted at your Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2, reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

The inspection included an evaluation of five applicants for a senior operator upgrade, three applicants for a senior operator instant, and six applicants for a reactor operator license. We determined that all applicants satisfied the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, and the appropriate licenses have been issued.

The written examinations were adequate for administration as submitted. The operating examinations, consisting of the scenarios, job performance measures with prescribed questions and the administrative section, were inadequate for administration as submitted. Required changes involved significant revisions to all scenarios and the administrative sections, as well as substantial modification or change from open to closed reference of numerous prescribed questions in the job performance measures. These revisions, changes, and modifications were necessary to achieve a cognitive level of difficulty which would discriminate at the required knowledge level and conform to the guidance in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards," Interim Revision 8.

These revisions were necessary to satisfy the NRC's individual test item expectations, consistent with the NRC's Examination Standards. We reviewed our specific concerns and recommendations with your staff and believe they now have a better understanding of the NRC's examination expectations. We commend your staff for their prompt and effective efforts to enhance the examinations with no adverse effect on the examination schedule. Consequently, no further response to address this matter is required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

/s/

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50-368/98-301

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