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Reference: Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 2
Docket No. 50-412
Operator Licensing Examinations

Dear Mr. Wenzinger:

This letter is in response to your transmittal dated September 29, 1986, concerning initial licensing examinations for operators at Beaver Valley Unit 2.

In reference to our October 8, 1985 meeting at Region I, the discussion that took place concerning the background of our candidates seems to have been misinterpreted. We did advise you that it was our plan to license experienced, licensed personnel from Unit 1, but the discussion was strictly in the area of dual licensed Senior personnel and did not apply to all personnel to be licensed at Unit 2. It is and has been our intent to license personnel from two categories, those individuals experienced and licensed at Unit 1 or those individuals completing the Unit 1 initial program and the Unit 2 difference training program. There has been ongoing communication for some time between our Operator Training Section and your Operator Licensing Staff as to the dates of the exams, numbers of candidates and background of our candidates. Your staff is very much aware that all personnel are not licensed, experienced Unit 1 personnel. To summarize this area, all personnel who will be licensed will not be Unit 1 licensed with one year of operating experience. Furthermore, we find there is no regulatory basis for Region I to impose this as a requirement.

The selected operations management personnel that we intend to dual license are the Director - Site Operations, Nuclear Station Operations Supervisor, the Nuclear Shift Supervisors, and selected Nuclear Station Operations Foremen. When these individuals are granted a Unit 1/2 dual license, they will be given an upgrade program which would cover the differences in the requalification programs to bring them current on Unit 1, and they would also be required to complete satisfactorily the 40 hour on-shift requalification program.

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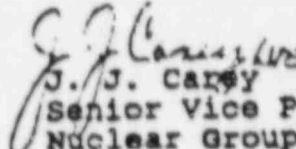
at Unit 1 prior to assuming the responsibility of a dual licensed supervisor. We are presently exploring options for our two unit requalification program. However, currently it is our intent to provide a license requalification program for Unit 1, one for Unit 2, and one to address both Units.

In reference to the Beaver Valley simulator for initial licensing examinations, we cannot disagree that it is not a plant reference device (ANS 3.5-1981, the Specific Nuclear Power Plant from which the Simulator control room configuration, system control arrangement and simulator design data is derived). However, for future clarification concerning Unit 2 replacement operator training and requalification programs, we fully intend to utilize the Beaver Valley Simulator for these programs. This is acceptable because our simulator reproduces accurately the general operating characteristics of our second unit and the instrumentation and controls of the simulator are similar and closely parallel those of Unit 2 (10CFR55 App. A).

It is our understanding that a typical cold license examination will be administered to our candidates consisting of a four section written and oral/plant walk-through the weeks of January 26 and May 18, 1987.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Mr. T. W. Burns of our Training Section.

Very truly yours,


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