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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-327/98-02 AND 50-328/98-02

Dear Mr. Zeringue:

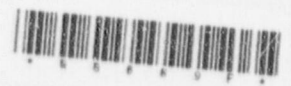
This refers to the training inspection conducted on February 2, 1998, through February 6, 1998, at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

The Sequoyah programs for initial operator licensing training, licensed operator requalification, non-licensed operator training and maintenance personnel training were found to be conducted in accordance with a systems approach to training (SAT) and generally met the requirements of 10 CFR 50.120 or 10 CFR 55. However, the evaluation process (SAT element #4) used to measure trainee, operator and technician mastery of the concepts and knowledges for their respective training programs, lacked depth and was not intellectually challenging. This conclusion was also reached by your staff during their root cause investigation of poor candidate performance during the September 1997 NRC licensing examinations. Additionally, the inspectors concluded that testing standards for Auxiliary Unit Operators were very low. Also, the scope and number of deficiencies identified by your staff during the annual main control room abandonment drill, particularly with regard to communications equipment, require management attention to assure prompt and adequate resolution.

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Sincerely,

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