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July 24, 2023

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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 1 - 05000263;
NOTIFICATION OF AN NRC BIENNIAL LICENSED OPERATOR
REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION AND REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION

Dear Shawn Hafen:

In a telephone conversation on July 18, 2023, between Bryan Bergeon, Senior Operations Engineer, the NRC lead inspector for this inspection, and Roman Becker, Operator Licensing Program Manager, final arrangements were made for the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The inspection is planned for the week of October 2, 2023, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their biennial comprehensive requalification written examinations and annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order to minimize the impact that the inspection has on the site and to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for the inspection. Please furnish the items listed in the first group of the attached enclosure, needed to support our in-office inspection activities, to the NRC by September 15, 2023. Please have the items listed in the second group of the attached enclosure available for the inspectors during the onsite portion of the inspection activities. Roman Becker has been advised of this request.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If there are any questions regarding either the inspection, or the material requested in the enclosure, please contact me at 630-829-9851 or via email at bryan.bergeon@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,



Signed by Bergeon, Bryan
on 07/24/23

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Enclosure:

REQUESTED INFORMATION TO
SUPPORT LICENSED OPERATOR
REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM AND
LICENSED OPERATOR PERFORMANCE
INSPECTION (IP 71111.11)

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Letter to Shawn Hafen from Bryan A. Bergeon dated July 24, 2023

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Please provide the following information electronically via CD/DVD, or document upload to the electronic BOX, if possible, by Friday, September 15, 2023.

1. One complete version of a biennial requalification written examination administered during the training cycle.
2. Ten (10) job performance measures (JPMs) and four (4) simulator scenarios associated with an annual requalification operating test required by 10 CFR 55.59(a)(2). The JPMs and scenarios to be reviewed should include those that will be observed during the onsite portion of this inspection, with any remaining JPMs and scenarios selected from other weeks within the same training cycle.
3. Complete versions of the reference materials used to develop the administered written examinations and operating tests. (Refer to NUREG-1021, Rev. 12, ES-2.1 Section F.4., Specific Reference Material to Provide, for relevant materials and clarification.)
4. Spreadsheets and/or test outlines which show the usage of written examination questions, JPMs, and simulator scenarios.
5. A list of licensee-identified issues associated with licensed operator performance problems which have occurred in the actual plant/main control room since the last biennial requalification program, their associated corrective actions, and if these issues were incorporated into requalification training. (These issues are likely documented in condition/problem identification reports, licensee-conducted audits and assessments, and in industry operating experience reports, etc.)
6. A list of all corrective action program items related to the simulator that have been open or closed since the start of the last requalification examination cycle.
7. A list of all simulator deficiencies that have been open or closed since the start of the last requalification examination cycle.
8. Facility licensee procedures for licensed operator requalification training and examination, including examination security procedures.
9. A schedule of examination activities during the on-site inspection week.

Please have the following information available for NRC review on Monday, October 2, 2023.

1. Licensed operator pass/fail statistics for any NRC-required requalification examinations that have been completed.
2. An overall schedule of the facility licensee's requalification program since the last biennial inspection (cycle weeks, training topics, etc.).
3. A list and descriptions of any examination security problems since the last biennial inspection (likely documented in training department condition/problem identification reports).

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4. Records for licensed operator requalification training attendance, licensed operator performance in requalification, licensed operator remedial training, individual licensed operator medical records, and records for maintaining an active license and license re-activation.
5. Simulator testing, maintenance, modification, and performance records.
6. A current list of all the licensed operators at the site, by license level, a current list of all licensed operator medical restrictions, and selected individual licensed operator medical files in support of the current license.