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SUBJECT: LICENSED OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION TRAINING INSPECTION  
REPORT 50-461/99020(DRS)

Dear Mr. McElwain:

On November 17, 1999, the NRC completed a routine on-site inspection of the Licensed Operator Requalification Training (LORT) program at your Clinton Nuclear Power Station. At the conclusion of the inspection an exit meeting was conducted at the facility and the preliminary inspection findings were discussed with station management and staff. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. No cited violations of NRC requirements were identified.

This inspection focused on evaluations of operator performance during your annual administration of the licensed operator requalification examinations. The implementation of your LORT program was evaluated through a selective inspection of procedures, representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with operation and training personnel. We conducted the inspection during two different periods in October and November 1999 to accommodate your administration dates for different parts of the examination.

During the total one week inspection, your staff, in general, satisfactorily administered the annual requalification examinations and evaluated operator performance according to program guidance and consistent with regulatory guidelines. The overall crew and individual operator performance demonstrated in the annual requalification examination was satisfactory.


Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one violation of NRC requirements occurred concerning the failure to notify the NRC within 30 days of permanent changes in medical conditions for licensed operators. This violation is being treated as a Non-Cited Violation (NCV), consistent with Section VII.B.1.a of the Enforcement Policy. This NCV is described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of this NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



David E. Hills, Chief  
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1. Inspection Report 50-461/99020(DRS)
  2. Simulation Facility Report

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