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SUBJECT: THREE MILE ISLAND REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATION
REPORT No. 05000289/1999-301 (SUPPLEMENT)

Dear Mr. Warner:

This report supplement transmits the results of an NRC written retake operator licensing examination administered by your staff on June 29, 2000. This retake exam was as a result of an applicant failure during an examination in February 2000 (original report 05000289/1999-301). This examination addressed areas important to public health and safety and were developed and administered using the guidelines of the "Examination Standards for Power Reactors" (NUREG-1021, Revision 8). Based on the results of the examination, the Reactor Operator applicant passed the written retake examination. The examination results were provided to Mr. R. Parnell via a telephone call on July 17, 2000.

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No reply to this letter is required, but should you have any questions regarding this examination, please contact me at 610-337-5183, or by E-mail at RJC@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosure: Initial Examination Report No. 05000289/1999-301 (Supplement)

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REGION I

Docket Nos: 05000289

Report Nos: 05000289/1999-301(Supplement)

Licensee: AmerGen Energy Company, LLC

Facility: Three Mile Island Unit 1 Nuclear Station

Location: Middletown, Pennsylvania

Dates: June 29, 2000 (Written Test Administration)
June 30 - July 17, 2000 (Grading)

Chief Examiner: P. Bissett, Senior Operations Engineer/Examiner

Examiner: J. Caruso, Operations Engineer/Examiner

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000289-00301(Supplement) on 06/29/2000; Three Mile Island; Initial Operator Licensing Retake Examination. One RO applicant passed the written examination.

The examination was administered by TMI training personnel and graded by NRC region-based examiners. There were no inspection findings.

Report Details

4. **OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)**

4OA4 Cross-Cutting Issues

Reactor Operator Initial License Retake Examination

a. Inspection Scope

Three Mile Island representatives developed the written initial retake examination. The NRC reviewed with the TMI training staff the written initial examination to verify or ensure, as applicable, the following:

- That the examination was prepared and developed in accordance with the guidelines of Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The review was conducted both in the Region I office and at the Three Mile Island facility.
- Facility licensee completed a test item analysis for feedback into the systems approach to training programs.
- Examination security requirements were met.

The written examination was administered by Three Mile Island training staff on June 29, 2000.

b. Issues and Findings

Grading and Results

The one reactor operator applicant passed the written retake examination.

The facility had four post-examination comments. The NRC agreed with the comments and revised the answer key accordingly.

Examination Preparation and Quality

The examination met the quality goals of NUREG-1021, Revision 8.

Examination Administration and Performance

No generic weaknesses were noted.

4OA6 Exit Meeting Summary

On July 17, 2000, the Chief Examiner provided final conclusions and examination results to Three Mile Island management representative, Mr. R. Parnell, Manager, Operations Training and other personnel, via telephone. The license number for the one applicant was also provided during this call.

The NRC also expressed appreciation for the cooperation and assistance that was provided during the preparation and administration of the exam by the licensee's training staff.

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