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SUBJECT: R.E. GINNA REACTOR OPERATOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR
INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-244/01-301

Dear Mr. Mecredy:

This report transmits the results of the reactor operator (RO) and senior reactor operator (SRO) licensing examination conducted by the NRC during the period of February 11 - 14, 2002. This examination addressed areas important to public health and safety and was developed and administered using the guidelines of the "Examination Standards for Power Reactors" (NUREG-1021, Revision 8, Supplement 1).

Based on the results of the examination, all five applicants passed all portions of the examination. The five applicants included 2 upgrade SROs and 3 ROs. Examination results indicated that the applicants were well prepared for the examination. Mr. P. Bissett discussed performance insights observed during the examination with Mr. F. Maciuska and others on February 14, 2002. On March 8, 2002, final examination results, including individual license numbers, were given during a telephone call between Mr. P. Bissett and Mr. F. Maciuska. The NRC also expressed their appreciation to the facility for their assistance during the development of the exam by the NRC. No findings of significance were identified.

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Should you have any questions regarding this examination, please contact me at (610) 337-5183, or by E-mail at RJC@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

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REGION I

Docket No: 50-244

License No: DPR-18

Report No: 2001-301

Licensee: Rochester Gas & Electric Company

Facility: R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Station

Location: 1503 Lake Road
Ontario, NY 14519

Dates: February 11, 2002 (Written Examination Administration)
February 12 -14, 2002 (Operating Test Administration)
February 19 - March 7, 2002 (Examination Grading)
March 4 - 5, 2002 (Potential Examination Compromise Follow-up)

Examiners: P. Bissett, Senior Operations Engineer (Chief Examiner)
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000244/2001-301; February 11 - 14, 2002; Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant; Initial Operator Licensing Examination Report. Five applicants (2 SRO upgrades, and 3 ROs) passed the examination.

The examination was conducted by four NRC region-based examiners. There was one inspection finding, identified by the license, associated with the examination. The finding was categorized as a no color non-cited violation. The significance of findings is usually indicated by their color (Green, White, Yellow, Red) and was determined by using Inspection Manual Chapter 0610*, "Significance Determination Process (SDP)." Findings for which the SDP does not apply are indicated by "no color" or by the severity level of the applicable violation. The NRC's program for overseeing the safe operation of commercial nuclear power reactors is described at its Reactor Oversight Process website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/OVERSIGHT.html>.

A. Inspector Identified Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

B. License Identified Findings

A violation of very low safety significance was identified by the licensee and reviewed by the inspectors. Corrective actions taken or planned by the licensee appear reasonable. This "no color" non-cited violation is listed in section 4OA7.

Report Details

1. REACTOR SAFETY

Mitigating Systems - Reactor Operator (RO) and Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) Initial License Examinations

a. Scope of Review

The NRC examination team developed the written and operating initial examinations and together with R.E. Ginna training and operations personnel verified or ensured, as applicable, the following:

- The examination was prepared and developed in accordance with the guidelines of Revision 8, Supplement 1 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors" and it met the overall quality goals (range of acceptability) of these standards. The review was conducted both in the Region I office and at the R.E.Ginna plant and training facility. Final resolution of comments and incorporation of test revisions was conducted during and following the onsite preparation week.
- Simulation facility operation was proper.
- Facility licensee completed a test item analysis on the written examination for feedback into the systems approach to training program.
- Examination security requirements were met (Section 4OA7).

The NRC examiners administered the operating portion of the examination to all five applicants from February 12-14, 2002. The written examination was administered by the R.E.Ginna training staff on February 11, 2002.

b. Findings

Grading and Results

All five applicants (2 upgrade SROs and 3 ROs) passed all portions of the initial licensing examination.

There were no post-examination comments.

Examination Preparation and Quality

The examination was within the acceptable range.

Examination Administration and Performance

No generic performance errors by the applicants were noted during the administration of the examination.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

4OA6 Meetings, including Exit

On March 8, 2002, the NRC provided conclusions and examination results to the Ginna Operations Training Manager, Mr. F. Maciuska, via telephone. License numbers for the five applicants were also provided during this time.

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

4OA7 Licensee Identified Violations.

The following finding of very low significance was identified by the licensee is a violation of NRC requirements which meet the criteria of Section IV of the NRC Enforcement Policy, NUREG-1600 for being dispositioned as a non-cited violation. If you deny this non-cited violation, you should provide a response with the basis for your denial, within 30 days of the date of this examination report, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region I; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspectors at the R.E. Ginna facility.

NCV Tracking Number

Requirement Licensee Failed To Meet

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10CFR55.49, requires, in part, that facility licensees maintain the integrity of examinations and tests throughout the examination process. Contrary to the above, the licensee identified the saving, during the validation week, of three NRC simulator exam IC setups on an unsecured computer terminal outside the confines of the secured simulator area. The discovery of this exam security concern, identified incidentally during simulator troubleshooting, occurred following the completion of the examinations. The saving of the IC sets was a result of a simulator modification that had been recently made, but had not been brought to the attention of training personnel. Licensee and NRC follow-up of the event indicated that the examinations had not been compromised, however, the potential for compromise had existed for some period of time. This exam security issue was entered in the licensee's corrective action program as CAP 2002-0352.

ATTACHMENT 1

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

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LIST OF ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED, AND DISCUSSED

Opened

50-244/01-301-01	NCV	The licensee failed to maintain the integrity of the initial licensee examination, in that, a portion of the exam was discovered on an unsecured computer terminal location. (Section OA7)
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