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Mr. Chuck Phillips  
Chief Examiner  
USNRC, Region III  
801 Warrenville Road  
Lisle, IL 60532-4351

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Nuclear Management Company (NMC) has completed its grading and review of the Reactor Operator (RO) and Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) License written examinations conducted on September 18, 2003 at Prairie Island. The grading and review was performed in accordance with NUREG-1021; ES-403 "Grading Initial Site-Specific Written Examinations" and has resulted in the deletion of 1 question and changes to 4 questions from the RO examination, and the deletion of 1 question and changes to 4 questions from the SRO examination.

NMC recognizes that having this many post-examination changes is not an acceptable practice and points at weakness in our development and validation process of the written examinations. A Root Cause Evaluation of this condition has been initiated via our corrective action program to ensure that corrective actions are taken to avoid recurrence.

Attached to this letter are the following:

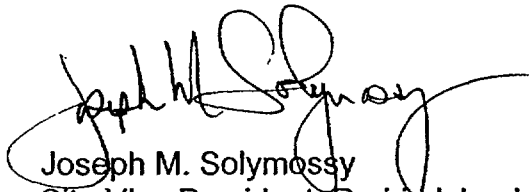
1. Our examination performance analysis and the resulting ten (10) facility recommendations describing the recommended examination changes with associated references.
2. Questions asked by and answers given to the applicants during the exam.
3. Form ES-403-1, "Written Examination Grading Quality Checklist."
4. Forms ES-201-3, "Examination Security Agreement"

This letter meets the requirements of NUREG-1021; ES-402 parts E-4 through E-6 and ES-501 part C-1.

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.

Please contact Jim Lash (651-388-1165 ext 4053) if you have any questions related to this letter.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Solymossy  
Site Vice President, Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

cc: Regional Administrator, USNRC, Region III, w/o  
Roger D. Lanksbury, USNRC, Region III, w/o

Enclosure 1- Performance Analysis and Facility Recommendations

- Performance Analysis (3 pages)
- Facility Recommendations
  - 1- SRO Question 3 -deletion (15 pages)
  - 2- SRO Question 6 -answer change (15 pages)
  - 3- SRO Question 7 -answer change (19 pages)
  - 4- SRO Question 13 -answer change (10 pages)
  - 5- SRO Question 17 -answer change (3 pages)
  - 6- RO Question 12 -deletion (8 pages)
  - 7- RO Question 23 -answer change (5 pages)
  - 8- RO Question 34 -answer change (18 pages)
  - 9- RO Question 47 -answer change (4 pages)
  - 10-RO Question 66 -answer change (8 pages)

Enclosure 2- Questions/Answers Given to the Applicants During the Exam  
(1 page)

Enclosure 3- Form ES-403, "Written Examination Grading Quality Checklist"  
(1 page)

Enclosure 4- Forms ES-201-3, "Examination Security Agreement"  
(4 pages)