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**SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - NRC RETAKE EXAMINATION
REPORT 05000298/2005302**

Dear Mr. Edington:

On October 13, 2005, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) written examination retake was completed at Cooper Nuclear Station. The enclosed report documents the examination findings, which were discussed on October 25, 2005, with Mr. Dave Tune.

The examination included the evaluation of one applicant for senior operator license. The written examination was developed using NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9. The license examiner determined that the applicant satisfied the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, and the appropriate license has been issued.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response (if any) will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

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Licensee: Nebraska Public Power District
Facility: Cooper Nuclear Station
Location: P.O. Box 98
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Date.: October 25, 2005
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ER 05000298/2005302; 10/25/2005; Cooper Nuclear Station; Retake Operator Licensing Examination Report.

The NRC examiner evaluated the competency of one applicant for senior operator license at Cooper Nuclear Station. The licensee developed the examination using NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9. The written examination was administered by the facility to the applicant on October 13, 2005. The examiner determined that the applicant satisfied the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, and the appropriate license has been issued.

A. NRC-Identified and Self-Revealing Findings

None.

B. Licensee-Identified Violations

None.

REPORT DETAILS

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA5 Other Activities (Initial Operator License Examination)

1. Operator Knowledge and Performance

a. Examination Scope

This examination was a retake of the written examination from the June 17, 2005, examination where the applicant passed the original operating examination, and, therefore, no portions of an operating examination were administered during this retake examination.

On October 13, 2005, the licensee administered the examination to the applicant. The licensee staff graded the examination, analyzed the results, and presented their analysis to the NRC on October 19, 2005.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

2. Initial Licensing Examination Development

a. Examination Scope

The licensee developed the examination in accordance with NUREG-1021, Revision 9. All licensee facility training and operations staff involved in examination preparation and validation were on a security agreement. The facility licensee submitted the written examination outline on October 3, 2005. The chief examiner reviewed the outline against the requirements of NUREG-1021, Revision 9, and provided comments to the licensee. The facility licensee submitted the draft examination on October 3, 2005. The chief examiner reviewed the draft examination against the requirements of NUREG-1021, Revision 9, and provided comments to the licensee on the examination on October 5, 2005. The licensee satisfactorily completed comment resolution on October 10, 2005.

b. Findings

The NRC approved the initial examination outline and advised the licensee to proceed with examination development.

The examiner determined that the examination initially submitted by the licensee was within the range of acceptability expected for a proposed examination.

No findings of significance were identified.

3. Examination Security

a. Examination Scope

The examiners reviewed examination security for examination development and administration with respect to NUREG-1021 requirements.

b. Findings

No findings of significance were identified.

4OA6 Meetings, Including Exit

The chief examiner presented the examination results to Mr. Dave Tune on October 25, 2005. The licensee acknowledged the findings presented.

The licensee did not identify any information or materials used during the examination as proprietary.

ATTACHMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

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