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PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
Rockville, Maryland

Monday, March 6, 1989

The Commission met in open session, pursuant
to notice, at 10:00 a.m., Lando W. Zech, Jr.,
Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

LANDO W. ZECH, JR.
THOMAS M. ROBERTS
KENNETH M. CARR
KENNETH C. ROGERS
JAMES R. CURTISS

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STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

SAMUEL J. CHILK, Secretary
JOSEPH SCINTO, Office of the General Counsel
JOE COLVIN, NUMARC
DR. TERRY WILLIAMS, Virginia Power
LEE WILLIAMS, Alabama Power
CHARLES SCHROCK, Wisconsin Public Service Corp.
WALTER COAKLEY, INPO

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P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

10:00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN ZECH: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

On behalf of the Commission, I'd like to welcome the representatives here today from the Nuclear Management and Resource Council, NUMARC, the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, INPO, and a number of utilities, including Alabama Power, Virginia Power and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation. So, welcome, gentlemen.

This is an information briefing this morning in which representatives from the nuclear industry will describe for the Commission the responsibilities of the operation staff at nuclear power reactors, the knowledge needed to fill those responsibilities and the training being provided to the operating staff.

In the interest of fairness to all commentators and commentors, I believe that it would be inappropriate to discuss matters regarding the proposed rule on the education experience requirements of senior reactor operators at this meeting.

Copies of the meeting slides, I understand, are available at the entrance to the meeting room.

Do any of my fellow Commissioners have any

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1 opening comments before we begin?

2 If not, Mr. Colvin, welcome. You may begin.

3 MR. COLVIN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.
4 Gentlemen, good morning.

5 I'm Joe Colvin, Executive Vice President and
6 Chief Operating Officer of NUMARC. I want to thank
7 you for this opportunity to appear before you today on
8 the topic of operator training.

9 Our purpose this morning is to provide you
10 with an actual overview of industry practices and
11 techniques relating to operator training and shift
12 operations. The presenters with me here at the table
13 are the managers who are responsible for those
14 activities at their utilities. Their presentations
15 are focused on the methods and expectations of these
16 programs as they are implemented at their respective
17 utilities. I think you'll see that there are some
18 differences. However, we believe that they are
19 generally representative of the industry as a whole.

20 Before I introduce the presenters, I want to
21 briefly mention the NUMARC Operators' Issues Working
22 Group. The working group comprised of 18 utility
23 professionals with broad expertise in operations and
24 training was established to help NUMARC resolve
25 important regulatory issues affecting operating

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1 personnel and their training.

2 The working group was the focal point for
3 industry efforts on the operator requalification issue
4 and has worked successfully with the NRC staff to
5 bring that important issue to proper resolution. The
6 working group is now assisting us in developing
7 comprehensive industry response to the proposed rule
8 on the educational experience requirements of senior
9 operators.

10 Mr. Don Schnell, Senior Vice President of
11 Union Electric Company is the Chairman of that group
12 but was unable to be with us today because of a prior
13 commitment.

14 Two of today's presenters, however, are
15 members of the working group. Doctor Terry Williams,
16 on my right, and Mr. Lee Williams, on my left, are
17 both members of the working group, and as well Mr.
18 Coakley or other senior NUMARC representatives
19 participate in those activities.

20 Mr. Chairman, with your concurrence, I would
21 like to change the agenda order that we previously
22 provided to you and have Doctor Terry Williams first.
23 With your concurrence we'll do that.

24 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Certainly.

25 MR. COLVIN: And I'd like to introduce the

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1 presenters and then turn them over to you.

2 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Fine.

3 MR. COLVIN: Turn the presentations over to
4 them.

5 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Good.

6 MR. COLVIN: Doctor Terry Williams is the
7 Manager of Nuclear Training at Virginia Power and will
8 talk to you on the academic-oriented components of
9 operator training. He has a Bachelor of Science
10 degree in Secondary Education from Old Dominion
11 University, a Master of Education from Virginia
12 Commonwealth and a Doctorate degree from Ohio State.

13 Doctor Williams has been with Virginia Power
14 since 1981. He has held a succession of supervisory
15 and management positions in power operations and
16 training, has had line responsibility for nuclear
17 training since 1983.

18 Prior to his employment at Virginia Power,
19 he worked as an Assistant Professor at Penn State
20 University and then as an Assistant Professor at
21 Virginia Commonwealth University.

22 He's a member of the Academy Council of the
23 National Academy for Nuclear Training and is currently
24 President of the Electric Utility Instructor Training
25 Consortium and was Chairman of the Southeastern States

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1 Nuclear Training Association from 1987 to 1988.

2 Mr. Williams?

3 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Thank you. You may proceed.

4 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you. Good morning.
5 I've been asked to provide an overview of the
6 academics and engineering fundamentals as presented in
7 operator training programs.

8 With me today is Mike Crist who is the
9 Supervisor of Training at the North Anna Power
10 Station. Depending on the questions, I'd like to
11 defer to Mike for more detailed responses.

12 I also have provided you a packet and in the
13 packet is a copy of the slides that I'm going to be
14 presenting, as well as a series of handouts to help
15 provide some detail to some of the areas that I'm
16 going to cover this morning. I'll try to be clear
17 about where I am in both the slide package as well as
18 the handouts.

19 The presentation objectives that I've set up
20 today are to provide a scope and depth of operator
21 training in the basic science and technology area, as
22 well as to show the relationship of academics to
23 technical training and, lastly, to emphasize
24 performance-based nature of our curriculum
25 development.

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1 Virginia Power is the third largest U.S.
2 investor-owned nuclear power supplier. We have four
3 units, three loop Westinghouse PWRs; two at Surry, for
4 a total of 1562 megawatts, two at North Anna, for 1830
5 megawatts. Unit 2 at North Anna just experienced a
6 run of over one year.

7 The nuclear contribution to the energy mix
8 at Virginia Power was 32 percent in 1987 and 34
9 percent in 1988.

10 CHAIRMAN ZECH: That means the energy mix in
11 the state?

12 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: For our service area.

13 CHAIRMAN ZECH: For your service area?

14 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right.

16 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: The training facilities at
17 Virginia Power are modern. They have technical
18 training libraries. We have NRC-certified control
19 room simulators. We have shops, labs, ample
20 classrooms and a new addition is the see-thru reactor
21 model. The see-thru reactor model is used, for
22 example, to train mitigated core damage.

23 We have a training staff that includes the
24 two nuclear sites as well as a corporate group of 139
25 persons. All of our instructors at the sites are

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1 plant qualified and a good practice in the operations
2 area is to maintain -- for them to continue to
3 maintain their active SR license, which is a
4 commitment to excellence in that it requires seven
5 days on shift each quarter for them to do that, as
6 well as the license operator requal. program.

7 We have training specialists at each site
8 which provide a blend between the technical and the
9 instructional world, the academic world. There are
10 four training specialists at the site and 15 in
11 corporate. The corporate training group is an
12 evaluation group as well as development and we also
13 have a pretty extensive graphic support, which I
14 should thank for this presentation. They did a nice
15 job.

16 The operator training target audience is
17 typically either a high school graduate -- we find
18 that they come from the upper half of the graduating
19 class, that they have strong science and math
20 backgrounds -- or the Navy Nuclear Program where we
21 have found that they have proven aptitudes with strong
22 fundamentals.

23 Our initial training is represented by three
24 phases. I will review those very quickly. The first
25 phase is called Nuclear Foundations Training. The

1 second phase of the initial training is the Nuclear
2 Control Room Operator Development Program, and the
3 third phase is the RO/SRO license class. I credit the
4 INPO accreditation requirements for a vast improvement
5 in operator training. I think you'll see this as I
6 walk through this curriculum.

7 In the Nuclear Foundation Training Program,
8 this is a six month, pre-employment course where we
9 identify high school graduates with the proper
10 aptitude. They are tested for math and science
11 aptitudes. They are screened to enter this foundation
12 program, four months of the program. And if you would
13 refer to handout number 1-1, it gives you the layout
14 and the flow chart of the curriculum I'm referring to.

15 The first 17 weeks is known as a common
16 track where both operators and health physics
17 technicians are in the program combined. You can see
18 by reviewing this handout that we cover the
19 mathematics, physics, chemistry, electricity, D.C. and
20 nuclear physics.

21 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Where are we on this slide?

22 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Okay. It's handout 1-1.
23 It's on the right-hand side of the package. There's a
24 series of handouts.

25 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Excuse me. I want to

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1 understand. I'm not picking at nits, but you said
2 pre-employment.

3 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: These people are not
5 on the payroll?

6 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: We do offer employees the
7 option to go in, but the program is designed for non-
8 employees that we identify. If they're successful in
9 this program, we then offer them employment. But we
10 do have both hourly and salary personnel who are
11 allowed to enter as a benefit, but it's not -- again,
12 we accommodate both, but it's not designed that way.

13 Okay. Is everybody with me on the handout?

14 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Not yet.

15 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: If you go into the large
16 package --

17 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Briefing materials for
18 Commissioners it says, 1-1.

19 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Okay.

21 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Okay. And I'm referring
22 to the first block called "Common Track: 17 Weeks."
23 Again, I'm trying to give a feel for the science and
24 the math that's covered during that period.

25 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Could I just ask a

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1 question on that?

2 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Sure. Go right ahead.

3 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: In this program, are
4 there homework assignments?

5 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir, and labs. Yes,
6 sir. As you'll see as I go through here, this program
7 has been reviewed by John Tyler Community College and
8 the two instructors that we have on staff are members
9 of their adjunct faculty and we do get 46 semester
10 credit hours for this program. This program was
11 designed after we had completed the RO and SRO job
12 task analysis. We felt that there was a need in the
13 knowledge area for these fundamental science and math
14 areas.

15 Again, the program is designed for the upper
16 half high school graduate with three years of science
17 and math. The entire program reviews and reinforces
18 and builds student understanding of the scientific
19 principles and the curriculum design relates academics
20 to nuclear plant technology by illustration, problems,
21 and plant tours.

22 The curriculum, as I've indicated, is
23 recognized by the Virginia Community College system
24 for 46 semester hours of credit.

25 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Do you give them

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1 examinations?

2 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir, we give them
3 both interim course exams and a comprehensive final
4 exam for each phase of the program.

5 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right.

6 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: The students earn, after
7 completing the first 17 weeks, a nuclear foundation
8 technology career certificate with a transcript of 29
9 semester hours. Then, when they finish their
10 specialty tracks in the operator case, which I'm
11 focusing on today, for nine additional weeks study,
12 they receive 17 credit hours. The courses that are
13 covered there would be represented under the specialty
14 operator track, thermal dynamics, heat flow, transfer
15 fluid flow, reactor theory, electricity, A.C.,
16 instrument and control, and electric mechanics I.

17 CHAIRMAN ZECH: What percentage pass the
18 course and what percentage fail?

19 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: About -- I'd say 95
20 percent pass the course and again I think it has to do
21 with our strict pre-screening process. Again, we give
22 aptitude tests, we evaluate their transcripts and they
23 are interviewed by the station Superintendent of Ops.
24 or our Superintendent of Health Physics.

25 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right. Thank you.

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1 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: In that specialized
2 operator track, that's supposed to last nine weeks.

3 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Except they all add up
5 to ten weeks. What goes?

6 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: They just rounded it off.
7 It's a nine week program.

8 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: So they're not two
9 weeks then, each segment?

10 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: No. Some of them are
11 probably short a day here or there and it comes
12 out --

13 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I see.

14 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right.

15 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: All right.

16 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right. Let's proceed.

17 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Okay. In your package, if
18 you would refer to handouts 1-2 and 1-3, I tried to
19 summarize out of the John Tyler catalog just the
20 generic course descriptions that cross reference to
21 the curriculum that I showed you in 1-1. 1-3, on the
22 next page, indicates some of the selected college-
23 type level texts that are used in this program. In
24 Virginia anyway, these are pretty standard type texts
25 for freshmen-type level courses.

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1 The second phase of the program is -- and
2 I'm back on my viewgraphs -- is the Nuclear Control
3 Room Operator Development Program. Now, this is a 39
4 month combination on-the-job qualification and self-
5 study program which is performance based and leads to
6 performance based task qualification. The trainee
7 progresses through the watchstations of increasing
8 complexity.

9 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Excuse me. At this
10 point they're on the payroll.

11 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: What percentage of
13 those who successfully complete, your 95 percent
14 completion, join the company and continue on in this
15 step?

16 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Well, because of the
17 investment, we've always offered those successful
18 graduates employment. We just, for obvious reasons in
19 terms of attitudes and things of this sort, don't make
20 an employment offer for the foundation program. We
21 have found -- this program is a carryover from a
22 program that used to exist at Memphis State.
23 Basically, it's a similar type program that we just do
24 internally in the company. And we have found that
25 those people have succeeded well in sitting for the

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1 NRC RO exams.

2 COMMISSIONER CARR: But there's a
3 recognition when they enroll in that basic course that
4 if they complete it satisfactorily they'll be offered
5 a job, I assume.

6 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: That's implied.

7 COMMISSIONER CARR: Yes, okay.

8 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right. Let's proceed.

10 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: In handout -- back to the
11 handout package -- Tab 2-1 and 2-2, I tried to give
12 you an overview of what this 39 month program would
13 look like. We use a career development approach and
14 it is broken up into what is called steps. The steps
15 are related to watchstation qualifications and systems
16 make up those watchstations.

17 The requirements to complete a step include
18 completing all job performance measures on the
19 systems, completing the watchstation qualifications,
20 passing an end of step test, a cognitive test, and an
21 appraisal of performance which is considered
22 satisfactory.

23 The four weeks at the beginning of the
24 course is called Basic Nuclear Power Plant Technology
25 and Engineering Mechanics II. In handouts 2-3 and 2-

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1 4, I have given you overviews of those courses of
2 instruction. We find that by blending the
3 theoretical knowledge with the hands-on proficiency,
4 that we get proficient operators.

5 Continuing training is also provided to
6 reemphasize the application of the scientific
7 principles. That is not, as you'll see shortly in my
8 summary, reflected in the 39 months. That's
9 additional to the 39 month self-study. I'll try to
10 make that clear in about three slides.

11 The third phase of training is the RO/SRO
12 license course.

13 CHAIRMAN ZECH: This is after 39 months?

14 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right.

16 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: And it is not common for
17 them to go directly from the 39 month program into
18 that course. The waiting periods range from one to
19 two to three years.

20 CHAIRMAN ZECH: What do they do in the
21 meantime?

22 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: They would be considered
23 qualified, non-licensed operators to work assigned
24 watchstations.

25 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Like equipment operator,

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1 something like that?

2 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: It could be an equipment
3 operator, yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right. But they're
5 working in the plant. On shifts, generally?

6 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir. They're working
7 on some shift.

8 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Yes, they're not in the
9 control room yet, but they're working -- before they
10 go to your RO/SRO licensing course, they're working on
11 the plant, on shifts, in kind of --

12 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Right.

13 CHAIRMAN ZECH: -- what you might call
14 indoctrinational training?

15 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Well, they've completed
16 their initial training. What they're doing is they
17 are qualified to work the various watchstations.

18 CHAIRMAN ZECH: I see.

19 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: So they are assigned on
20 that shift to work the appropriate watchstations.

21 CHAIRMAN ZECH: I see.

22 COMMISSIONER CARR: So, some of them may not
23 go on to RO/SRO, maybe just be satisfied to be an
24 operator?

25 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: We just recently allowed

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1 that to occur. It used to be an up or out approach
2 where if they could not successfully pass the RO, we
3 would terminate them or put them in an area that was
4 non-operator based. We just recently allowed
5 permanent NLOs, non-licensed operators to stay on, but
6 it's done very selectively and it is monitored by the
7 Vice President of Nuclear Operators on how many we
8 allow to do that. That's changed within the last year
9 and a half.

10 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Can you give us an example
11 of the type of individual that you'd permit to do
12 that?

13 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: It's judged based on his
14 degree of qualifications, his attitude and, again,
15 congruent work assignments being available for us to
16 do that. We found in the past that some of the people
17 would go into a health physics area or a QA area or
18 some other area and be retrained for those areas. So,
19 again, we've only got two at one site, at North Anna,
20 and four at Surry that are in that category. They
21 must maintain their watchstation qualifications
22 through the continuing training program.

23 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Yes. All right. My
24 experience is that some program like that can be a
25 good program if it's properly supervised and

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1 monitored, because there are some people who've gone
2 through all the things you give us and even though
3 they passed all the 39 months of training so far, you
4 do have a considerable investment in them --

5 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN ZECH: If they have shown that they
7 can do that, but they can't pass the RO and SRO
8 license for some reason or another, it would seem to
9 me that there are some people who just aren't good at
10 taking big exams. For some reason or other they just
11 don't do that well. They might have shown you
12 beforehand that they have the capability of handling
13 certain jobs, but they might not be able to pass that
14 difficult RO exam. I understand that. But I think if
15 you --

16 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Or not choose to.

17 CHAIRMAN ZECH: I suppose that's true too in
18 some cases. But my point is here, even if they do
19 choose to and they don't pass it, I can understand
20 what you're doing because there are some people who
21 simply have that difficulty. But those you do keep,
22 it would be very important, in my judgment, to be able
23 to justify why you're keeping them, very solidly, and
24 I think you can do that.

25 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN ZECH: But I think it's important
2 to monitor those individuals. Some can be very
3 valuable and, as Commissioner Roberts pointed out,
4 they may not have, for some reason or other, the
5 desire. Maybe they like to work as an equipment
6 operator. There are people who have that desire and
7 that gives them tremendous satisfaction, rather than
8 go into the operational field. So, I think that
9 should be monitored carefully, but I would agree that
10 it can be a useful -- to use people who are trained
11 and who would impress you with their aptitude as well
12 as their attitude and their competence, but they might
13 not go into the other area.

14 So, I think that's a good thing to do,
15 except I would say monitoring and careful use of that
16 program is important.

17 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Yes. And again, as a part
18 of a nuclear standard, the station manager makes the
19 decision. It's overseen by the Vice President of
20 Nuclear on numbers and on a monthly indicator report,
21 we indicate how many are in that classification. So,
22 it's --

23 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Good.

24 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: -- it's viewed monthly.
25 The person also, I might point out, doesn't get that

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1 option until he has been unsuccessful in the RO class
2 twice, which is again a tremendous commitment on our
3 part because it's a year course.

4 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right. Let's proceed.

5 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Okay. Phase III of the
6 operator training, the RO/SRO license course, is again
7 an attempt at reviewing basic science and technology
8 knowledge with expanded -- and providing additional
9 academics which provide the underpinnings for
10 technical license training. Understanding of
11 engineering technology fundamentals is essential for
12 the "whys" of proper plant operation and off-normal
13 transient analysis.

14 The trainees routinely evaluate or are
15 evaluated on basic scientific principles. If I could
16 refer you to handout 3-1, I think you can see in an
17 overview fashion some of the principal areas that are
18 covered and I have a list of the math, the physics,
19 chemistry, material science. And again, I gave you an
20 example of what those courses were previously. If you
21 follow through, you can see that in the license course
22 segments, it is repeatedly reviewed from the different
23 appropriate angles.

24 Handouts 3-2 and 3-3 provide you an overview
25 of the lesson plans which exist for these licensed

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1 courses. Again, a little more detail about the math
2 and the electrical theory, chemistry, and I won't--
3 my intent was not to review all that, but to provide
4 you that background.

5 The engineering fundamentals are not taught
6 in isolation. However, they're incorporated into
7 integrated plant operations. Operator requalification
8 programs are based on both INPO and NRC job and task
9 analysis. Special emphasis is in the teamwork and
10 diagnostic skills training, which in handout 4-1 I
11 provide you again an overview of that curriculum and
12 the 56 hours of instruction that's provided on that
13 subject.

14 In summary, the three segments and phases of
15 operator training represents 273 weeks or five and a
16 quarter years. I do want to point out that in Phase
17 II, some of that time is on-the-job self-study.
18 However, Phase I and III are all classroom, simulator,
19 or guided in plant.

20 The total hours does not include continuing
21 training for the non-licensed operator, which is this
22 year -- I gave you an average of 127 on the handout.
23 However, for this year, we've scheduled 192 hours. It
24 does not included the continuing training
25 requalification requirements of ROs and SROs once

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1 they're licensed. Again, I gave you an average of 250
2 hours. This year it's 288 hours.

3 Other differences that I wanted to point out
4 was that the Virginia Power Nuclear Foundation
5 Training Program is 34 semester hours short of an
6 Associate of Science degree and it's based on mostly
7 liberal arts courses and a mathematics course at the
8 college level calculus. The training program,
9 however, is performance based, not generic degree.

10 Additional differences between our total
11 training program, this would include all three phases,
12 and a four year general engineering technology degree
13 are that there are only selected engineering
14 technology subjects, such as dynamics and statistics,
15 that are not represented in the program, that the
16 total operator training educational experience would
17 be equivalent to 45 percent of a nuclear engineering
18 technology four year degree, in our opinion.

19 Curriculum development has provided us the
20 ability to provide this type of training. We have
21 followed both the INPO and NRC recognized
22 methodologies of job task analysis. As a matter of
23 fact, we actually probably went beyond that in terms
24 of identifying the basic foundational knowledge which
25 represents our foundation program.

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1 The knowledge is necessary for integrated
2 operations. Normal, off-normal, emergency is
3 presented appropriately in each training segment.
4 Subject matter experts validate the academic content
5 with the realistic applications for reinforcement.
6 Again, I've tried to demonstrate that in my
7 presentation this morning.

8 Continuing training reinforces operator
9 knowledge and skills. We've used sound educational
10 principles and practices of going from the simple to
11 the complex. The appropriate learning setting has
12 been reviewed and these programs are continuously
13 validated and checked for reliability.

14 The shift technical advisors are assigned to
15 each shift, and we do have five shifts. We have found
16 that a best practice is to have all STAs with SRO
17 licenses and degrees. That is a long-range goal of
18 ours. This provides an effective crew mix of
19 engineering ability, the STA and the operating
20 experience. The engineers, in some cases, are not
21 always the best suited supervisors.

22 That concludes my presentation. I'd like to
23 thank you for your time.

24 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right. Thank you very
25 much.

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1 Any questions from my fellow Commissioners?

2 Commissioner Roberts?

3 Commissioner Carr?

4 COMMISSIONER CARR: No.

5 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Commissioner Rogers?

6 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Well, there's a lot
7 that I could ask, but I don't want to delay us too
8 much.

9 How do you do your validity reliability
10 checks that you just mentioned a moment ago? What
11 constitutes those?

12 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Okay. The validity is
13 done through job task analysis where we trace the
14 knowledge and skills related to the objectives which
15 relate to the evaluation that we perform, both
16 performance, job performance measures and cognitive.
17 That provides us very good content validity.

18 We then also have a pretty extensive
19 evaluation system in place to do follow-up from the
20 trainees and the supervisors on how well people are
21 performing to identify degraded job performance in
22 frequently performed tasks. So there's a whole system
23 designed as a part of our training systems approach to
24 address that particular aspect.

25 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: What about the

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1 instructors? How are they selected and what is their
2 performance --

3 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: Okay. The instructors
4 maintain both technical qualifications and we have an
5 extensive professional qualification program. For
6 example, the professional skills are taught in a seven
7 day workshop within six months of assignment to
8 training. They then must complete an 18 unit
9 instructor training program which covers anywhere from
10 developing objectives to performing evaluation.

11 As a matter of fact, one of the current
12 efforts I have is to develop on a national basis those
13 18 units. We're using the National Center for
14 Vocational Education out of part of Ohio State,
15 affiliated with Ohio State, to do those 18 units over
16 again. So, we're going to be upgrading that. That's
17 the professional part.

18 The technical part is based on the type of
19 license and what they're assigned to teach. If they
20 have to teach integrated plant response, they're
21 required to have an SRO license. Again, I've already
22 stated we require our SROs to maintain an active
23 license as opposed to going inactive or -- it's the
24 preferred method. We do have a few certified
25 instructors and we do have a few for medical reasons

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1 who have dropped licenses, but they all typically are
2 SRO trained.

3 In the cases where we're teaching some of
4 the more advanced subjects, we hire and have hired
5 personnel with advanced degrees. So, for example, in
6 the foundation they have Master's degrees. One of
7 them is a graduate of the Naval Academy. We have, at
8 North Anna, an instructor who has a Master's degree in
9 Nuclear Engineering, who teaches the thermal and
10 nuclear physics courses.

11 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: What's your classroom
12 monitoring?

13 DOCTOR WILLIAMS: We require that twice a
14 year the instructors be evaluated at least once by the
15 supervisor and once by training specialists. Plus, we
16 collect end of course critiques from all sessions
17 which, of course, the shift supervisors aren't shy
18 about telling us what we're doing right or wrong. So,
19 we keep a very close connection with the plant in
20 terms of are we delivering the services that they
21 require.

22 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Commissioner Curtiss?

24 COMMISSIONER CURTISS: No questions.

25 CHAIRMAN ZECH: I don't have any questions

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1 either. Perhaps, because we have so many presenters
2 this morning, I'll ask the rest of our presenters to
3 go through and finish their presentations and we'll
4 hold our questions until we're all finished, if that's
5 all right with my colleagues.

6 So, Mr. Colvin, who is next?

7 MR. COLVIN: Yes, sir. Let me go ahead and
8 complete the introductions then. That will make it
9 proceed faster.

10 CHAIRMAN ZECH: We need to move along
11 because we have a lot on our schedule today. I'd like
12 to kind of stick as close as we can to our 11:30
13 completion date. So, I know we've taken more time on
14 this one perhaps, but the Commissioners will say
15 that's because of our questions. But we would ask you
16 to help us to try to keep on schedule.

17 MR. COLVIN: Yes, sir, I'll certainly try.
18 With your concurrence then, let me make the rest of
19 the introductions and then I'll turn it over to the
20 particular presenter.

21 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Thank you.

22 MR. COLVIN: The next presenter will be Mr.
23 Lee Williams. He's the Training Manager at Alabama
24 Power Company, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in
25 Nuclear Science Management from Troy State University,

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1 has over 22 years of combined Navy and commercial
2 nuclear experience. He's been employed with Alabama
3 Power Company since 1975 and holds an active SRO
4 license. He's been a peer evaluator on the INPO
5 accreditation team visits and is an evaluator on the
6 International Atomic Energy Agency's Operational
7 Safety and Review Team, OSART, visits.

8 Mr. Williams will discuss the topic of shift
9 operating training practices at Farley, principally
10 from an operational perspective.

11 The third presenter this morning will be Mr.
12 Charles Schrock, Assistant Manager of Plant Operations
13 at Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's Kewaunee
14 Plant. He'll discuss plant management's expectations
15 of the operating staff.

16 He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a
17 Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from
18 University of Michigan. He's been with Wisconsin
19 Public Service for ten years, and prior to his current
20 position of Assistant Manager of Plant Operations, has
21 held positions of Superintendent, Licensing
22 Assistance, and Assistant Manager Nuclear Engineering.
23 He holds an SRO license from the NRC for a nuclear
24 research reactor and presently holds an SRO license
25 for Kewaunee.

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1 The fourth gentleman at the table with us
2 today is Mr. Walt Coakley, Group Vice President of
3 Education and Training at INPO, is not scheduled to
4 make a presentation, but is here to respond to any
5 questions you might have relative to INPO's role in
6 operator training or the accreditation process.

7 With that, I'll turn it over to Mr. Lee
8 Williams.

9 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Thank you very much.

10 You may proceed.

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you for the opportunity
12 to make this presentation today.

13 First of all, I'd like to start just by
14 talking through, if you will, the growing process or
15 the building of how we train our operators.

16 As Doctor Williams has already indicated, we
17 start with the basic fundamentals, move from there
18 into systems, which is just training the individuals
19 in facts, individual facts related to individual
20 systems. As we continue up the ladder or the
21 hierarchy, we get into integrated plant operations,
22 which is putting the pieces of the systems together.
23 Moving from there into the utilization of procedures
24 in making the plant work, in controlling the unit,
25 both in normal, abnormal and emergency situations.

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1 Again, we're utilizing the pieces and the fundamental
2 knowledge that the individuals have gained in the
3 training program.

4 Finally, all this is brought together, if
5 you will, in the simulator training portion of the
6 program where the individual applies all of the
7 fundamentals that he's developed with time, the facts
8 of the systems, the integrated plant operations and
9 procedure uses. I'd like to stop here just a minute
10 and talk about that.

11 Probably the most significant improvement in
12 the operation, and I believe also in the training of
13 our individual team members, has been in the area, the
14 improved area of procedures, in their human factors
15 design, in their technical content and to the depth
16 and scope that they go beyond the basic design of the
17 plant, which is important, I think, as far as the
18 training. Also, the background information that goes
19 with the procedures answers the question, why is this
20 here and why are you doing this? So, I think that's a
21 tremendous improvement.

22 In this setting on the simulator, one of the
23 important things that we do with the individuals is
24 point out their part of the team in operating the
25 unit. They do not stand alone. They are not working

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1 in isolation. Part of this is in the psychological
2 realm, if you will, or the individual personal
3 profile. How do I fit in with this team? How do I
4 react under stress and how do I reactor when someone
5 challenges me? How do I resolve conflict within the
6 team and within myself? What's my role and
7 responsibility and how can I improve on the operation
8 of the unit through my communication? How can I make
9 sure that my lack of communication doesn't threaten
10 the unit?

11 Part of the role of the team is the STA, the
12 shift technical advisor. In our organization, he is a
13 member of the operating team, rotates with a fixed
14 shift. There are five shifts in our operation. He is
15 an advisor to the shift supervisor. In our facility,
16 he is a degreed engineer who has been through the
17 exact training program of the SRO. He may or may not
18 have a license or hold a license. That decision is
19 made on his ability at the end of the training program
20 if we believe he has the capability to go on and
21 complete the examination successfully. Not all
22 engineers are able to do that first time through the
23 training program.

24 In the 15 years I've been with Alabama Power
25 Company, talking from memory, I have two engineers out

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1 of many who have completed the program first time
2 through and have been successful in obtaining their
3 license. Most require the second time through the
4 program. That's not a disparaging comment. Don't
5 take it that way, but usually it's the lack of the
6 operating experience that keeps them from being able
7 to progress. Academically they do fine, but when you
8 get into managing the resources available to them,
9 it's where their shortcoming develops and that's due
10 to a lack of experience.

11 The shift technical advisory --

12 CHAIRMAN ZECH: How many will pass the
13 second exam?

14 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN ZECH: How many?

16 MR. WILLIAMS: To my knowledge, and I'm
17 talking off the cuff here, they have all passed the
18 exam, but not all have been allowed to go on. For
19 instance, I know of several in our organization we
20 felt did not possess the capability to go on the
21 second time and we've placed them in other positions
22 in the organization.

23 CHAIRMAN ZECH: I see.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: The STA provides an
25 independent assessment of the performance, the thermal

1 hydraulic performance of the core, makes his
2 recommendations to the shift supervisor. He is
3 available to the shift supervisor, first of all, by
4 procedure any time there is an abnormal or emergency
5 transient that takes place. Also, and additionally by
6 our procedures, any time he believes there's a need or
7 when the shift supervisor wants to call on him, that's
8 when he's available. Those are the off-normal
9 situations.

10 He also performs an important function
11 during routine day-to-day operations and he is the
12 clearing authority or the processing individual for
13 placing components in systems into and out of service.
14 He prepares the necessary paperwork, checks technical
15 specifications, makes sure that things can be worked
16 as they're being requested, presents that information
17 to the shift supervisor for his concurrence and
18 approval, and he is integrated into our operation on a
19 routine basis in that method.

20 But that's one member of the team that I
21 spoke about previously and that's how we use the STA
22 in our organization.

23 One of the most important parts, or another
24 important part in our training program as we develop
25 these senior operators is the utilization -- and this

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1 is something that comes out in the simulator
2 training -- of the resources that are available to him
3 around the clock. Our training program emphasizes
4 that first of all in looking at the resources that are
5 available on the crew.

6 One of the early problems we identify with
7 new people in the training is that they try to conquer
8 the world by themselves. A problem exists in the
9 control room and here's a three man, four man team,
10 and they're oblivious to calling for help. We work
11 very hard in trying to dispel that, making them
12 realize that the entire world is at the end of that
13 telephone, regardless of the time of the day or night.

14 That's an important operational aspect of
15 how we run our units. Management routinely comes in
16 and says, in our morning briefings, "Yes, I got that
17 call last night at midnight or 2:00 o'clock in the
18 morning. Yes, I know about this." That's how we run
19 our plants. They're constantly in communication on a
20 rotational basis.

21 So, not only is there the crew that is on
22 call, which includes 19 people in the operations
23 department, plus around-the-clock coverage in
24 chemistry, health physics, all three maintenance
25 disciplines and others, the on-call operations team,

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1 if you will, of plant personnel, there's 17 people on
2 a three week rotation, most of which are on beepers,
3 immediately available by practice and by procedure.
4 If it's your on-call week, you must be available to
5 the plant. I'm on that rotation in an emergency
6 position and every third week I have to keep myself
7 within phone touch of the plant. If I change, I have
8 to get approval of the on-call emergency director.

9 In addition to that, we have the corporate
10 personnel who are on call. There's seven in that
11 rotation on, again, a three week rotation. To show
12 you the depth of background of these individuals,
13 they're all degreed engineers and six of them are
14 present SRO licenses. Two have completed SRO training
15 in the past. Two additional ones are in our
16 organization, but not directly working for Plant
17 Farley. They're in the Vogtle project.

18 In addition, the Vice President and the
19 Senior Vice President have both previously held SRO
20 licenses on our plant and have moved up through the
21 organization. Those people are also on call and
22 available.

23 In addition then we have the vast array of
24 vendor personnel who include those that, for instance,
25 just the local vendor as part of our on-call response

1 and our emergency procedures for help in just getting
2 routine matters solved, local vendors such as those
3 who provide hydrogen and nitrogen, oxygen gases to the
4 plant. It also includes our NSSS vendor. They too
5 are set up on a rotation to where they're constantly
6 available to us by phone.

7 And then obviously another one that you know
8 about are those individuals directed by the emergency
9 plan, such as the fire department, the hospitals,
10 ambulance personnel, et cetera. These are the
11 individuals that we -- when we're emphasizing what
12 management expects of the shift supervisor is that he
13 recognizes these resources are available to him and
14 uses them and utilizes them effectively.

15 I'd like to quote from one of our procedures
16 that says, "During his shift, the responsibility and
17 authority of the shift supervisor shall be to maintain
18 a broad perspective of operational conditions
19 affecting the safety of his unit as a matter of
20 highest priority." Our shift supervisors, that's how
21 we train them. That's management's expectation.
22 That's also training's expectation. Utilize the
23 resources immediately available to you, whether it's
24 in engineering, whether it's the NSSS vendor or
25 whether it's the local vendor in town who can provide

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1 a service to you.

2 In closing, I'd like to say thank you again
3 for being able to make this presentation. I look
4 forward to answering any questions at the end.

5 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Thank you very much.

6 MR. COLVIN: Mr. Schrock.

7 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Proceed, Mr. Schrock.
8 Welcome.

9 MR. SCHROCK: I thank you very much for the
10 opportunity to discuss this with you. I've been asked
11 to talk about the operation at Kewaunee, maybe give a
12 little bit of a different perspective from an Ops.
13 Manager on how we perceive the training and how the
14 plant is operated.

15 I would like to briefly talk about the plant
16 itself and the organizational structure and then get
17 into the operations group.

18 The Kewaunee Plant is a two loop
19 Westinghouse pressurized water reactor. It is owned
20 jointly by Wisconsin Public Service, Wisconsin Power
21 and Light and Madison Gas and Electric. It's rated
22 for 560 megawatts of electric gross and 1,650
23 megawatts thermal.

24 (Slide) The next slide shows that our
25 performance statistics for 1988, Kewaunee had an

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1 availability factor of 87.4 percent, a capacity factor
2 of 83.3 percent and a forced outage rate of 1.7
3 percent.

4 Since going commercial in June of 1974,
5 Kewaunee has had an availability of 84.37 percent, a
6 capacity factor of 81.46 percent and a forced outage
7 rate of 2.76 percent. We are currently in our 14th
8 refueling outage, getting ready for our 15th cycle of
9 operation.

10 (Slide) Our typical total man-rem exposure,
11 shown on the next visual, averages around 220 man-rem
12 per year and our low-level waste generation is about
13 70 cubic meters per year. Needless to say, we are
14 proud of all of these statistics. We think the
15 Kewaunee plant has been a good performer.

16 (Slide) The next visual does show the
17 overview of the entire nuclear organization. Our
18 Senior Vice President of Power Production has
19 reporting to him the Manager of Nuclear Power and the
20 Manager of Nuclear Power has a corporate staff in the
21 plant itself.

22 (Slide) The next slide shows the corporate
23 staff. There are 77 total people on the corporate
24 staff. That includes nuclear engineering, training, a
25 new group that we formed recently in Safety System

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1 Engineering for doing safety system functional
2 inspections, and the emergency preparedness group and
3 administrative group.

4 (Slide) The plant is shown on the next
5 slide. The plant staff itself has five basic groups.
6 There are 72 in maintenance, 45 in the quality control
7 warehouse and administrative area, 39 in health
8 physics and chemistry, 17 in our technical support
9 group. We have a contract security force of about 65
10 people, and our operations group has 52 people in it.

11 (Slide) The next slide does show the
12 organization for the operations group. Reporting to
13 me, I have an operations engineer and an operations
14 superintendent. The operations superintendent has
15 come up through the ranks. He started as a nuclear
16 auxiliary operator when the plant was under
17 construction and progressed through control room
18 operator, shift supervisor and then finally to
19 operations superintendent.

20 We operate with a six shift rotation. Each
21 shift has six shift supervisors, six control room
22 supervisors. Excuse me. There are six shift
23 supervisors, one on each shift. Then there are two
24 nuclear control operators, two non-licensed operators
25 on each shift.

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1 (Slide) The next slide shows the shift
2 organization. We do have an STA. Kewaunee uses the
3 STA a little differently than the other two gentlemen
4 here have described. We use an on-call duty rotation.
5 We have about 15 STAs that have gone through an STA
6 training program and they each rotate on a 24 hour
7 basis. We do have living facilities at the plant, in
8 the plant boundary for them. We have required the
9 STAs to be closely involved with the operation by
10 attending two of the three shift turnovers everyday
11 and by making frequent tours through the control room.

12 From an operations perspective, I require my
13 shift supervisors to keep the STA informed on
14 everything. If the plant changes, if we're taking
15 safety systems out of service or if we have some kind
16 of an instrument failure, the STA gets notified
17 immediately. So he is always kept apprised of the
18 situation.

19 I would add that we've had positive
20 feedback. The STA does provide a fresh perspective
21 since he is not part of the crew, and although he does
22 train with the crew of occasion, generally the
23 training is separate from the crew. Many of the shift
24 supervisors have told me that it is a different
25 perspective and it does help.

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1 CHAIRMAN ZECH: What's the qualification of
2 the STA?

3 MR. SCHROCK: The STA does have a Bachelor's
4 degree in Engineering and he goes through an
5 abbreviated SRO program.

6 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Does he have a license?

7 MR. SCHROCK: No, he does not have a
8 license. We patterned the STA training program right
9 after the Senior Reactor Operator Program. The one
10 major distinction is we don't require the 520 hours on
11 shift doing an --

12 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Do you permit them to get a
13 license if they request the opportunity?

14 MR. SCHROCK: We don't have the manpower
15 right now to allow that. Speaking for management,
16 ideally we would like to start a program where we can
17 get as many engineers SROs as we can. In the past, we
18 haven't been able to support that.

19 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right. Let's proceed.

20 MR. SCHROCK: I'd like to discuss a little
21 bit the typical experience and background of our
22 operators.

23 (Slide) The next visual does show a short
24 summary. About 40 percent of our operators have Navy
25 nuclear experience and about 30 percent have come into

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1 the plant with a two year Associate degree. Those two
2 groups are generally mutually exclusive. The third
3 number I have here, 25 percent active in a
4 baccalaureate program, these are made up of all of the
5 above. Twenty five percent of our entire operations
6 staff is currently enrolled in a plant program that we
7 brought to the site, the University of Maryland
8 program. The result of that program would be a
9 Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Science and
10 engineering.

11 Currently there are two individuals in the
12 operations organization that do have both an SRO and
13 an Engineering degree. That is myself and my
14 operations engineer.

15 COMMISSIONER CARR: A University of Maryland
16 program on-site?

17 MR. SCHROCK: Yes, sir. It's a combination
18 of computer-aided study. For some courses we do bring
19 professors to the site and then there is self-study
20 programs.

21 (Slide) As far as the experience level of
22 our operations staff, the next slide does show the
23 average years of experience. Our shift supervisors
24 have 14 and a half years average experience. That
25 ranges -- one shift supervisor has about 22 years

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1 experience with the Wisconsin Public Service, down to
2 a minimum of about nine years experience. Our control
3 room supervisors have an average of 12 and a half
4 years nuclear experience and our nuclear control
5 operators have an average of about 11 years nuclear
6 experience.

7 I'd like to take a minute and just discuss
8 the flow paths of individuals that come into the
9 company. The typical progression, we'll hire an
10 individual in the nuclear auxiliary operator position,
11 which includes two basic qualifications. There's the
12 equipment operator qualifications and the auxiliary
13 operator qualifications. The EO qualifications come
14 first. It's about a three month program before an
15 individual is qualified as an equipment operator. At
16 that point, he can stand that watch by himself and
17 typically will do so for around six months to a year.

18 The next step would be to go to the
19 auxiliary operator position and he'll stand that watch
20 after about a three month qualification period for
21 another six months to a year. So, our typical
22 individual will start an RO training program after
23 having worked for about three years at the plant. In
24 addition to that, he has the Associate degree
25 background or the nuclear Navy background.

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1 The RO training program is about a 22 month
2 program and it is similar to the programs that have
3 been described already. It does include the basic
4 fundamentals, systems training, simulator training and
5 accident transient diagnostics. After that 22 month
6 program, if successful, the individual will get a
7 license. At that point in time, he'll have been with
8 the company about five years.

9 Since our nuclear control room operator
10 position is a vacancy driven position, an individual
11 with a license will continue to work in the non-
12 licensed areas with the license until an opening opens
13 up in the control room. That typically is another one
14 to two years.

15 That's the typical progression through to
16 the control room operator phase. After that, we do
17 provide all of our senior nuclear control room
18 operators the chance to get an SRO. That's another
19 nine month training program very similar to the RO
20 training program, but abbreviated because they've had
21 it all before. After having received the SRO, the
22 individuals are promoted based on merit into the
23 supervisory position of control room supervisor.

24 (Slide) The next slide that I have does
25 show a comparison between the reactor operator

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1 training program from 1980 to now. As you can see,
2 the basic program is the same. The fundamentals
3 course has grown from a 12 week course to a 16 week
4 course. The systems course has also grown from a 12
5 week to a 16 week course, and the on-shift time has
6 increased only slightly.

7 The biggest change that we've had is in the
8 simulator time. In the 1980 time frame, we would use
9 a non-specific simulator. In our case, we would use
10 other Westinghouse type of plants, but at different
11 locations for two weeks during that whole program.
12 Now we use our own site-specific simulator for about
13 eight weeks during the course of that program and we
14 continue to use the research reactor at the University
15 of Wisconsin for much of our theoretical training.

16 (Slide) The next slide shows some of the
17 significant improvements in the training program. As
18 I mentioned, the site specific simulator has been a
19 very big boon. Another change that we've made, and
20 I've brought along an example of it, is we worked with
21 a professor from the University of Wisconsin, who is
22 Doctor Saiid Abdel-Khalik, to create a plant-specific
23 accident transient course. Doctor Saiid is an expert
24 in the thermohydraulics area and he wrote the book for
25 Kewaunee using Kewaunee data and Kewaunee transient

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1 analysis, emphasizing the thermohydraulic side of it.

2 We've had very good feedback from this
3 course. We developed it to be taught in a two week
4 time frame. We've been experimenting with the time
5 frame for our recall people. This is used in the new
6 operator training program, but we have given it to our
7 reactor operators in the recall.

8 Another change that we've made is we've
9 added the team skills and diagnostic training program
10 similar to what Lee described. And finally, we've
11 also added the emergency response guidelines. And
12 again, these have helped a lot, not only because the
13 guidelines themselves have improved significantly, but
14 along with the one volume set of the guidelines is a
15 four volume set of background documents which explains
16 the fundamentals behind the guidelines, the plant
17 transients that were analyzed and why you're doing the
18 steps that you're doing.

19 One other area that we have done, but I
20 haven't indicated on the slide, is we've increased our
21 staff size to allow for the six shift rotation. In
22 1980 we were still on a five shift rotation. By going
23 to six shifts, we've provided that much more time for
24 the training. So we now have a dedicated shift for
25 training. In addition to that, we've increased our

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1 staff size in the training area significantly to
2 support all the new requirements in training.

3 (Slide) The next slide shows the operations
4 group attrition. This is another area that we're
5 pretty proud of at Kewaunee. I went back five years
6 for the purpose of this discussion, just to get a feel
7 for where we're at.

8 In the last five years, we've had 22 people
9 leave the operations group. On the surface, it seems
10 like a lot. However, the reasons for the attrition
11 explain what is going on. We've had three people that
12 have actually terminated employment, quit for a
13 variety of reasons. Two of our people retired, and
14 one, unfortunately, was killed in a car accident.

15 But the last statistic is the one that's
16 important to me. We've had 16 of our operations
17 people that have been promoted or transferred into the
18 organization. I reviewed our current organization
19 supervisory staff and looked at the number of people
20 that have ROs or SROs or have held ROs or SROs. About
21 15 percent of our supervisory staff in the nuclear
22 organization, excluding operations, are people that
23 came out of the operations group or have held the SRO.
24 That includes our current Manager of Nuclear Power who
25 was the Manager of Operations and then the Plant

1 Manager and held an SRO. Our current plant manager
2 was the Manager of Operations, held the SRO, and our
3 current Senior Vice President was a plant manager.

4 Many of the groups that we've got are
5 actually headed by people with the SRO or have held
6 the SRO.

7 COMMISSIONER CARR: Have any data on what
8 percentage of that 15 percent are degreed?

9 MR. SCHROCK: Very few.

10 The last area that I would like to talk
11 about is the general expectations that we have for the
12 plant, for the crews, how they run the plant. Very
13 briefly I can talk about the normal day shift
14 operations and then the back shift operations.

15 During the day shift, the shift's complement
16 is as I have described. We have a shift supervisor, a
17 control room supervisor, the two control room
18 operators and the two non-licensed operators. The
19 interface with management is continuous and direct.
20 Typically we have morning meetings to discuss the
21 day's plans. There will be constant communication
22 back and forth as surveillance is done or various
23 operational duties have to be performed. None of that
24 is unexpected.

25 On the back shift, however, we do provide

1 the shift supervisor and the crews with as much help
2 as we can give them. I guess I would add that we have
3 every confidence in our shift supervisors, that they
4 will make the right decision. But I would say we
5 demand that when they have time they communicate with
6 management. In order to do that, informally between
7 myself and my day staff people, we make sure that one
8 of us is always around so that the shift supervisor
9 knows who he can call if he has a question or would
10 like to report on the plant.

11 In addition to that, we've developed a
12 rotation among both the plant staff management and the
13 corporate management so that the shift supervisor
14 knows he can always reach by pager or by telephone one
15 of those individuals.

16 We also have a Westinghouse site
17 representative that is available by pager, and we have
18 contacts with our nuclear steam supply -- or the
19 architect engineer who is on our floor -- that we
20 maintain. We have always been able to contact these
21 people at any hour of the day or night.

22 I would like to close with just a couple of
23 examples of how the plant does respond to off-normal
24 events.

25 The first example happened just recently.

1 It was at the beginning of February. We had an icing
2 problem in our fore bay which is the area that draws
3 the water out of Lake Michigan and cools the
4 condenser. With the icing, the fore bay level drops
5 and there is a point at which the circulating water
6 pumps, which are drawing the water through, trips.

7 Well, at 4:00 o'clock in the morning, the
8 shift supervisor got the first alarm that the fore bay
9 level was decreasing. He knew what he had to do. He
10 needed to decrease plant power so that he could
11 minimize flow through the condenser and hopefully
12 stabilize the fore bay level. But he immediately
13 called my operations superintendent and me and on the
14 phone the three of us talked about it briefly. He
15 told us what his plans were. We said it was a good
16 plan and he started on it.

17 We both then left for the plant. Within a
18 half an hour, my ops. manager or superintendent was
19 there and I was there a few minutes later, followed by
20 the plant manager. In that time frame we had four
21 maintenance people there. The team then got together
22 and we averted a plant trip by appropriate throttling
23 of valves and reducing plant power. So, the shift
24 supervisor knew what to do, but the plant had the
25 resources available to get them there.

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1 Another example, also recently we developed
2 a steam generator tube leak at the end of this current
3 operating cycle. This was a little bit different
4 because it was a slow moving event. However, what I'd
5 like to point out is that the plant management and
6 corporate management, right up to the Senior Vice
7 President of Power Production, spent the weekend at
8 the site following the onset of the minor leakage on a
9 Friday, to make sure that the shift supervisor and the
10 rest of the plant staff knew the plant status and knew
11 what we were going to do if the condition continued to
12 degrade.

13 By the time Sunday night following the
14 Friday that the tube leakage started occurred, we had
15 our game plan, if you will, well put together and the
16 shift supervisor knew exactly what to do and took the
17 plant off-line without any problems.

18 The last comment I would make is under
19 emergency operations. We have fortunately never had
20 to get into the operations, but if we do, I brought
21 one last example. The shift supervisor is the
22 emergency director on the back shifts and the senior
23 manager at the plant. When you have a plant reactor
24 trip or an emergency safeguard actuation, the first
25 thing that the operators do and the control room

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1 supervisor is pull out the emergency response
2 guidelines. These take him through the initial stages
3 of any accident.

4 The shift supervisor does two things in
5 parallel. He makes sure the plant is being controlled
6 and he makes sure the emergency plan is being
7 implemented. Those are the ways that we get the
8 resources available to the plant.

9 That concludes my prepared presentation.
10 I'll be happy to take any questions. I appreciate the
11 opportunity to discuss it with you.

12 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Thank you very much.

13 Mr. Colvin?

14 MR. COLVIN: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,
15 that concludes our prepared presentation. We thank
16 you for allowing us the time to speak to you this
17 morning. In closing, I just wanted to reiterate that
18 the presentations today and the presenters were
19 speaking from their own experience at their utilities.
20 We do believe, however, that those are generally
21 representative across the industry.

22 With that, we'd welcome any questions or
23 comments you might have and are ready to respond to
24 same.

25 CHAIRMAN ZECH: All right. Thank you very

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1 much. Before I ask my colleagues for questions, as
2 far as the Kewaunee organization is concerned, Mr.
3 Schrock, I notice in the last SALP that you got
4 category one in all functional areas and I
5 congratulate you for that. I think Region 3 has told
6 us that you're the first utility in Region 3 to
7 achieve those very high marks. Those are the best
8 marks that are given, as we all know. But I
9 congratulate you for that performance and say once
10 you've reached that level, your challenge now is to
11 keep it up.

12 COMMISSIONER CARR: No place to go but down.

13 CHAIRMAN ZECH: We'll be watching to see
14 that you keep it up now. But I congratulate you for
15 what you've done.

16 MR. SCHROCK: Thank you very much. We
17 accept the challenge.

18 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Good.

19 Commissioner Roberts?

20 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: I don't have any
21 questions, just a comment. I guess I'd be surprised
22 or disappointed if you didn't put your best foot
23 forward and this has been a very impressive
24 presentation. I certainly hope what you said -- I
25 hope all of our licensed panel reactors could

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1 demonstrate a similar commitment to training as these
2 entities.

3 That's all I have.

4 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Commissioner Carr?

5 Commissioner Rogers?

6 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Well, I just really
7 wanted to know how realistic that statement is.
8 You've got a very large number of people at power
9 plants and these are excellent training programs.
10 They certainly are impressive. The question is,
11 what's the low end of the scale? This is the upper
12 end of the scale, I'm sure. How confident are we --

13 COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: There's a no win for
14 you.

15 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: How confident are we
16 of what the quality at the low end is?

17 MR. COLVIN: I think with that I'd like to
18 pass the buck, as the saying goes, and turn over to
19 Mr. Coakley, principally because in the accreditation
20 process I think that's one of its basic premises, is
21 to establish that level of training throughout the
22 industry.

23 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Mr. Coakley?

24 MR. COAKLEY: Gentlemen, this description of
25 these programs reflects very closely our guideline for

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1 the Senior Reactor Operator Shift Supervisor Training
2 Program to meet accreditation standards. I believe
3 that except for a few of the extras that you've heard
4 this morning, this is very typical. The guideline and
5 what they've described is on the order of 600 contact
6 hours, 40 equivalent hours of training in all the
7 thermodynamics for the mechanics, these are required
8 to have the program accredited. The University of
9 Wisconsin accident transient analysis course is
10 something that's not, of course, present in every
11 program.

12 But beyond the fundamentals courses in the
13 classroom that you've all heard about, there's an
14 awful lot of this that carries on into the simulator
15 for accident and transient analysis which they haven't
16 really discussed. The case studies, the diagnostics,
17 the mitigating core damage training, which may or may
18 not have been mentioned by every person. But I
19 believe that they represent perhaps the high end, but
20 I think everybody's within 90 or 95 percent of that
21 quality and content.

22 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Well, of course, one
23 can make a general observation, and that is that in
24 looking at course descriptions and course content
25 lists and so on and so forth, there really isn't an

1 awful lot of difference from a well presented course
2 and one that isn't well presented. They both look
3 about the same on paper very often. The difference,
4 of course, is the quality of the instructor and how
5 well that quality is being maintained.

6 It seems to me that's something that I'd
7 like to know a little bit more about certainly as time
8 goes on because very often what looks to be a very
9 fine course on paper doesn't really do the job. All
10 the elements are there in the course description, but
11 I myself have sat in on courses, without saying where,
12 but in recent months, which I found that basically the
13 instructor was leading the class. He asked a
14 question, he didn't get an answer and then he'd supply
15 the question and everybody would say yes, and then
16 he'd say fine. I didn't hear the answers coming back
17 from the students the way I would have liked them.

18 So, one has to be very mindful of quality
19 assurance in this business. You can set up a very
20 good program, it can look very good on paper, but then
21 it has to be monitored very closely in terms of
22 instructor performance. So, I would like to hear all
23 the time as to how that's being done, because quite
24 often it isn't done quite as well as people think it's
25 being done.

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1 MR. COAKLEY: We agree. I think you focus
2 on a very key issue. We are attacking this in several
3 areas throughout the industry, both through the
4 National Academy for Nuclear Training, which is
5 sponsoring quite a bit of professional development for
6 instructors and instructor workshops.

7 But more along the evaluation line, renewal
8 of accreditation is focusing very, very much on the
9 delivery and the execution of training. We do find
10 those problems. We find classes that do not have the
11 right kind of participation. We now monitor training
12 as a part of our accreditation visits, the actual
13 delivery of training, all of our plant evaluations
14 that go back to an accredited training programs. The
15 training evaluator monitors as much of the classroom
16 and on-the-job training and simulator training as he
17 can.

18 I think we probably have a bottom line test
19 in the case of performance in that we look at every
20 crew -- we look at two crews at every plant evaluation
21 for a day each, running through several off-normal
22 events. We only look at abnormal, off-normal accident
23 situations. That's pretty tough looks given by very
24 competent peers as to how the people actually handle
25 it, build their background into their performance.

1 But I think it's something that you focused
2 on. We worry about it. I talk about it with all the
3 Academy activities. Instructors have to deliver a
4 quality product or people will not keep their ears
5 open and learn.

6 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Well, one of the
7 dilemmas in this kind of instruction and education is
8 to match up the people who really know, from operating
9 experience point of view, with the ability, the
10 pedagogic ability to work well in teaching it. It's
11 one thing to be able to do it yourself -- that's very
12 important, of course -- but the other thing is then to
13 work with a group of students and to try to transfer
14 that effectively to them and at the same time
15 challenge them and test them.

16 Those abilities, just as you pointed out
17 that engineers don't always make the best supervisors,
18 high quality operators may not make the best teachers.
19 And so, one has to be mindful of that and to find that
20 very happy situation where you have a person who can
21 do both very well. It's a big challenge. That's the
22 challenge that I think the industry faces in trying to
23 do this, because there are always a limited number of
24 people that have those skills and abilities. You have
25 to try to use them most effectively.

1 I wonder if there are any thoughts about
2 industry-wide sharing of the very best teachers and
3 instructors for some of these things and giving them
4 an opportunity to work in this kind of capacity in a
5 short time with different utility training programs,
6 the really super ones.

7 MR. COAKLEY: I know of no programs that
8 actually exchange instructors, if that's what you're
9 thinking of, sir, but I think Terry has probably has
10 some experience with Ohio State's program for getting
11 instructors together, teachers together.

12 The Middle Atlantic Nuclear Training Group
13 and the Northeast Training Association both have
14 annual workshops, a week long, on enhancing teaching
15 skills. We're pushing facilitating as opposed to
16 didactic teaching is a training area that we're going
17 to be -- that we're working on within the Academy now
18 as new and much more effective learning methods.

19 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Is it possible to get
20 a little bit more of an idea of really what you're
21 talking about when you're talking engineering
22 fundamentals that are required here for shift
23 supervisor training programs? What are we really
24 talking about when you get down to the nitty-gritty of
25 engineering? How is that approached?

1 MR. COAKLEY: I think some of it is included
2 in Doctor Williams' lesson plan outline there, but in
3 our guideline for controller and operator --

4 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Well, I see the topic
5 areas, but you know it's that step below that.

6 MR. COAKLEY: He had some lesson plan
7 formats in there. We found a course that we could not
8 focus --

9 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Well, I don't want to
10 take everybody's time up with it, but I would like--
11 and I'm sure if you could send me something I'm sure
12 the other Commissioners would like to see it. But I'd
13 like to see something a little bit more than just the
14 list of topics, a little bit more of what kind of
15 problems are dealt with and how they're dealt with.
16 And if there are homework assignments of some sort,
17 I'd like to see what they are, just to get a little
18 feeling about that.

19 MR. COAKLEY: But lesson plans which are
20 fairly thorough, detailed lesson plans?

21 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: No, just one or two of
22 them.

23 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Just an example of lesson
24 plans.

25 MR. COLVIN: That's fine with me. We can do

1 that.

2 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Good. Who has done
3 the academic review of the INPO programs? What kind
4 of people have you brought in? Tell us a little bit
5 more about who they are.

6 MR. COAKLEY: The original job and task
7 analysis for reactor operator and senior reactor
8 operator produced a taxonomy of knowledge and skills
9 which is like that thick. That was sent to deans of
10 engineering at -- I don't remember the exact facts in
11 this -- five or six, seven universities. One of them
12 was Bill Kimel from University of Missouri, Dean of
13 Engineering there. The group reviewed everything that
14 we were asking be put into this training program as a
15 result of the analysis.

16 Their conclusions were that they didn't--
17 they didn't look at it from the point of view of what
18 wasn't there. They looked at it from the point of
19 view of what this consisted of in terms of what their
20 academic courses were. They found that the skills and
21 knowledge as required by this taxonomy were covered
22 from everywhere from the lower half to upper half of
23 undergraduate programs on into graduate school. They
24 commented that most of them could be taught without
25 calculus. This is probably the one essential

1 difference between the programs that are being taught
2 at the plant sites and the universities is that it's
3 done on mathematics below the calculus level,
4 apparently successfully.

5 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: No, I think it can be
6 done without calculus. It takes a little more
7 pedagogical skill, but I think it can be done.

8 MR. COAKLEY: No one identified anything
9 they felt was missing from the body of knowledge.

10 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Curtiss?

13 COMMISSIONER CURTISS: No questions.

14 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Mr. Coakley, you talked to
15 us a little bit about the INPO accreditation program.
16 And the involvement of INPO we know has been very
17 significant in training and, as far as I'm concerned,
18 my observations of training at the utilities has
19 certainly improved in the past few years. There's no
20 question about it. It's become much more professional
21 and much more helpful I think to the operators, much
22 more realistic and has certainly raised the level of
23 operational safety, in my judgment, at our nuclear
24 power plants.

25 I do think that the three companies that

1 have given us presentations here today have excellent
2 programs. I would hope all the rest of them have
3 programs that good. I'm not so sure. But I would
4 hope that they do, or at least if they don't have that
5 they'd try to achieve them to the extent that these
6 three utilities have.

7 But I'd like to ask Mr. Coakley, how do you
8 make sure that each utility maintains an appropriate
9 level of competence in their training programs? We've
10 talked on it very briefly and I don't want any
11 detailed answer, but could you give us a little bit
12 more about how INPO involves themselves in giving the
13 assurance that training truly is improving? I know
14 you've got an accreditation program. That's
15 commendable, but what I really mean is the on-site
16 visits. Do you do that? How do you satisfy
17 yourselves that training truly is improving?

18 MR. COAKLEY: In the renewal of
19 accreditation that's taking place every four years,
20 that gives us a very thorough look at the programmatic
21 parts of it. Approximately every 16 to 18 months we
22 have a plant evaluation team go on-site and look at
23 all aspects of the plant operations.

24 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Is that part of the whole
25 program, every 16 to 18 months an on-site review?

1 MR. COAKLEY: That's by our evaluation and
2 assistance teams that do the operational evaluations
3 of the plant, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN ZECH: But that includes training?

5 MR. COAKLEY: Yes, sir, it includes
6 training. Each of the area evaluators looks for
7 evidence of under-performance, lack of skill, lack of
8 knowledge. He feeds anything he observes in that area
9 back to the training member of that team who then
10 examines the training program to see whether or not it
11 was taught, whether or not it was taught completely,
12 whether or not it was examined and whether or not that
13 individual went to the training. Now, that's a
14 sampling process, but it does give us a very good
15 insight into whether or not there are results coming
16 out of the training.

17 They also interview the supervisors in the
18 departments to find out their opinion of whether or
19 not the training program is providing them the talent
20 that they need when they send them over from the
21 training department, or the people they send over for
22 refresher training. They also interview the trainers.
23 They observe on-the-job training taking place against
24 some pretty tough criteria for whether or not the
25 people who conduct that OJT and the qualification

1 checkouts are instructed and certified to do that job.
2 Besides that, they observe laboratory, simulator and
3 classroom training taking place.

4 We try to do this as randomly as we can so
5 that we get an objective look of what's actually
6 taking place.

7 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Well, I kind of agree with
8 Commissioner Rogers that that's a very important part
9 of your program, those checks to see -- sitting in the
10 classroom by observers to see how it is coming across
11 and to see how it's conducted and so forth. So, that
12 kind of -- you know the program is good, the plan is
13 excellent, no question about it, but the execution is
14 where you really have to put your efforts, in my
15 judgment.

16 MR. COAKLEY: May I add that --

17 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Go right ahead.

18 MR. COAKLEY: We have a pretty formal
19 tracking system for problems we find. We judge the
20 degree of falling away from the criteria objectives.
21 In the case of one program, set of programs that were
22 accredited, we sent a follow-up team out. After we
23 saw a hint of problems, we had that utility come back
24 to the accrediting board. The accrediting board put
25 their programs on probation for 120 days. They went

1 back and fixed the problems, came back and had
2 performance restored.

3 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Those kind of things are
4 necessary when you see it's appropriate to do so.

5 One last question. Can you tell us about
6 the status of the INPO activities to accredit an 11th
7 training area on continuing training of licensed
8 personnel?

9 MR. COAKLEY: Yes, sir. In our renewal of
10 accreditation, we have asked that the continuing
11 training program be broken out as a separate
12 description of the course so we can put appropriate
13 focus on that. We feel like that's so important to
14 maintain proficiency. We have looked at approximately
15 a quarter of the operator training programs and I'd
16 say something like 50 or 60 of those have been back to
17 the board for renewal. We have seen some late starts
18 in upgrading, but everybody has brought the operator
19 programs up to a higher level than they were at
20 initial accreditation.

21 Our biggest problem is in the other training
22 areas. Operations training has been accepted as a
23 good thing as well as a necessity by the operators for
24 quite some time. Our biggest problem in the follow-up
25 area is in the non-operator training. We really have

1 to --

2 CHAIRMAN ZECH: Good. Well, I agree with
3 that and I hope you're focusing on maintenance
4 training.

5 Well, let me thank you, gentlemen, for a
6 very informative briefing this morning.

7 I would note that on October of 1988 the
8 staff briefed the Commission on their views on the
9 status of training and qualification of nuclear
10 operations personnel and the Commission was told at
11 that time that the staff believes the INPO
12 accreditation program is effective in insuring nuclear
13 power plant personnel have the qualifications
14 commensurate with the performance requirements of
15 their job and that was an important assessment from
16 the staff to the Commission.

17 We were pleased, of course, to hear that.
18 And at that time, I should point out, the Commission
19 directed the staff to continue to closely monitor--
20 our staff as well as INPO -- to closely monitor the
21 training in the industry and the utilities to assure
22 that they are implementing their training programs in
23 accordance with the NRC-endorsed INPO accreditation
24 program. We also asked the staff to report back to
25 the Commission as appropriate with this kind of

1 assessment.

2 So we will be following your training
3 programs as well as INPO is following them.

4 I'd like to thank all of you again for this
5 informative presentation, Mr. Colvin and NUMARC
6 supervisory role in this regard.

7 INPO is playing a very direct and important
8 role in training and, Mr. Coakley, we welcome you back
9 to the table again.

10 The three of you from the utilities,
11 Virginia Power, Alabama Power Company, and Wisconsin
12 Public Service, we thank you for being with us today.
13 We commend you for the programs you have in place.

14 My only challenge to all of you would be to
15 make sure they're implemented as good as they've been
16 planned and programmed. I think implementation of the
17 program is fundamental and I would hope that you would
18 insure that you have feedback systems and monitoring
19 systems of your programs because once we've put these
20 excellent programs in place -- no question about their
21 excellence in my judgment -- then the challenge is
22 constantly monitoring, upgrading them when you can.
23 You'll keep constantly learning. But mainly to check
24 and make sure that the training is being accomplished
25 in accordance with your own desires and with our

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1 desires.

2 That's what we've charged our people to do
3 on the staff and that's what we charge INPO to do, and
4 certainly that's what we charge all of you to do. So,
5 please focus on the implementation once you have the
6 program in place.

7 Are there any other questions from my fellow
8 Commissioners?

9 If not, I thank you very much for your
10 willingness to stay on schedule with us too. We do
11 have a busy day.

12 Thank you very much. We stand adjourned.

13 (Whereupon, at 11:26 a.m., the hearing was
14 concluded.)

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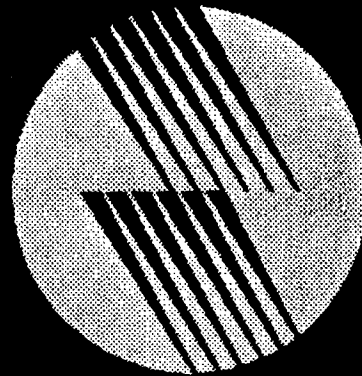
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DR. TERRY M. WILLIAMS
MANAGER - NUCLEAR TRAINING

AN OVERVIEW
ACADEMICS/ENGINEERING
FUNDAMENTALS AS PRESENTED IN
OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMS



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PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES



VIRGINIA POWER

- **Present Scope and Depth of Operator Training in Basic Science and Technology.**
- **Show Relationship of Academics to Technical Training.**
- **Emphasize Performance - Based Nature of Curriculum Development.**

INTRODUCTION



VIRGINIA POWER

- **3rd Largest U. S. Investor-Owned Nuclear Power Supplier**
- **4 Nuclear Units -
Surry (1562 MW)
North Anna (1830 MW)**
- **Nuclear Contribution to Energy Mix -
32% In 1987, 34% In 1988**

TRAINING FACILITIES



- **Modern Facilities At Each Site:**
 - **Technical Training Libraries**
 - **Certified Control Room Simulators**
 - **Shops and Labs**
 - **Ample Classrooms**
 - **"See-Thru" Reactor Model**
- **Training Staff (139 Approved Manning)**
 - **Plant-Qualified Instructors**
 - **Training Specialists**
- **Corporate Training/Graphics Support**

OPERATIONS TRAINING TARGET AUDIENCE



VIRGINIA POWER

- **High School Graduate**
 - **Upper Half**
 - **Strong Science, Math**
- **Navy Nuclear Program**
 - **Proven Aptitude**
 - **Strong Fundamentals**



Science and Technology - Three Major Segments

- I. Nuclear Foundations Training Program**
- II. Nuclear Control Room Operator Development Program**
- III. RO/SRO License Class**



VIRGINIA POWER

I. Nuclear Foundations Training Program (6 Months)

- **Designed For Upper Half High School Graduates With Three Years Each of Science and Mathematics Required.**
- **Entire Program Reviews, Reinforces and Builds Student Understanding of Scientific Fundamentals.**
- **Curriculum Design Relates Academics to Nuclear Plant Technology By Illustration, Problems, Plant Tours, Etc.**
- **Curriculum Recognized By Virginia Community College System (Total of 46 Semester-Hour Credits Awarded).**
 - **Nuclear Foundations Technology Career Studies Certificate (29 Semester Hours.)**
 - **Nuclear Control Room Operator Career Studies Certificate (17 Semester Hours.)**
 - **Nuclear Health Physics Career Studies Certificate (17 Semester Hours.)**



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II. Nuclear Control Room Operator Development Program

- **39-Month, Resulting In Performance-Based Task Qualification.**
- **Trainee Progresses Through Watchstation Qualification of Increasing Complexity.**
- **4 Weeks At Beginning Is Basic Nuclear Power Plant Technology and Engineering Mechanics.**
- **Theoretical Knowledge Becomes "Hands-On" Proficiency.**
- **Continuing Training Reinforces Application of Scientific Principles.**



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III. RO/SRO License Course

- **Basic Science and Technology Knowledge Is Reviewed and Expanded, Providing Academic Underpinnings For Technical License Training.**
- **Understanding of Engineering Technology Fundamentals Essential For the “Why’s” of Proper Plant Operation and Off-Normal Transient Analysis.**
- **Trainee Routinely Evaluated On Basic Scientific Principles.**
- **Engineering Fundamentals Are Not Taught In Isolation - Incorporated Into Integrated Operations.**
- **Operator Requalification Program Based on INPO/NRC Job/Task Analysis.**
- **Develop Teamwork and Diagnostic Skills.**

SUMMARY



VIRGINIA POWER

<u>Segment of Operator Training</u>	<u>Length of Segment</u>
I. Nuclear Foundations Training Program	26 Weeks
II. Nuclear Control Room Operator Development Program	189 Weeks (1)
III. RO/SRO License Course	<u>58 Weeks (2)</u>
Total Training	273 Weeks (5 1/4 Years)
(1) Does Not Include Continuing Training Throughout This Segment (127 Hrs/Yr).	
(2) Does Not Include Continuing Requalification Training for Licensed Operators (250 Hrs/Yr), Which Include Written and Simulator Examinations.	

SUMMARY



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Difference Between Virginia Power Foundation Program and Two-Year Associate of Science Degree Program

- **Liberal Arts Courses (E.G., History, Sociology, Psychology, Etc.) (34 Semester Hours.)**
- **Mathematics to College-Level Calculus**
- **Training Program Is More Performance Based Than Generic Degree Program**

Additional Difference Between Total Training Program and Four-Year General Engineering Technology Degree

- **Selected Engineering Technology Subjects (Dynamics, Statistics, Etc.)**
- **Total Operator Training Equivalent to 45% of Nuclear Engineering Technology 4-Yr. Degree**

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT



VIRGINIA POWER

- **Follows INPO/NRC Recognized Methodology of Job/Task Analysis.**
- **Knowledge Necessary For Integrated Operations (Normal, Off-Normal, Emergency) is Presented Appropriately In Training Segments.**
- **Subject Matter Experts Validate Academic Content With Realistic Applications For Reinforcement.**
- **Continuing Training Reinforces Operator Knowledge and Skills.**
- **Sound Educational Principles and Practices Applied.**
 - **Simple-To-Complex**
 - **Appropriate Learning Settings**
 - **Validity/Reliability Checks**

SHIFT TECHNICAL ADVISORS



VIRGINIA POWER

- **STA Assigned to Each Shift.**
- **Best Practice to Have All STA's With SRO Licenses and Degrees.**
- **Provides Effective Crew Mix of Engineering Ability and Operational Experience.**
- **Engineers Are Not Necessarily the Best Shift Supervisors.**

BRIEFING MATERIAL

FOR

NRC COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 6, 1989

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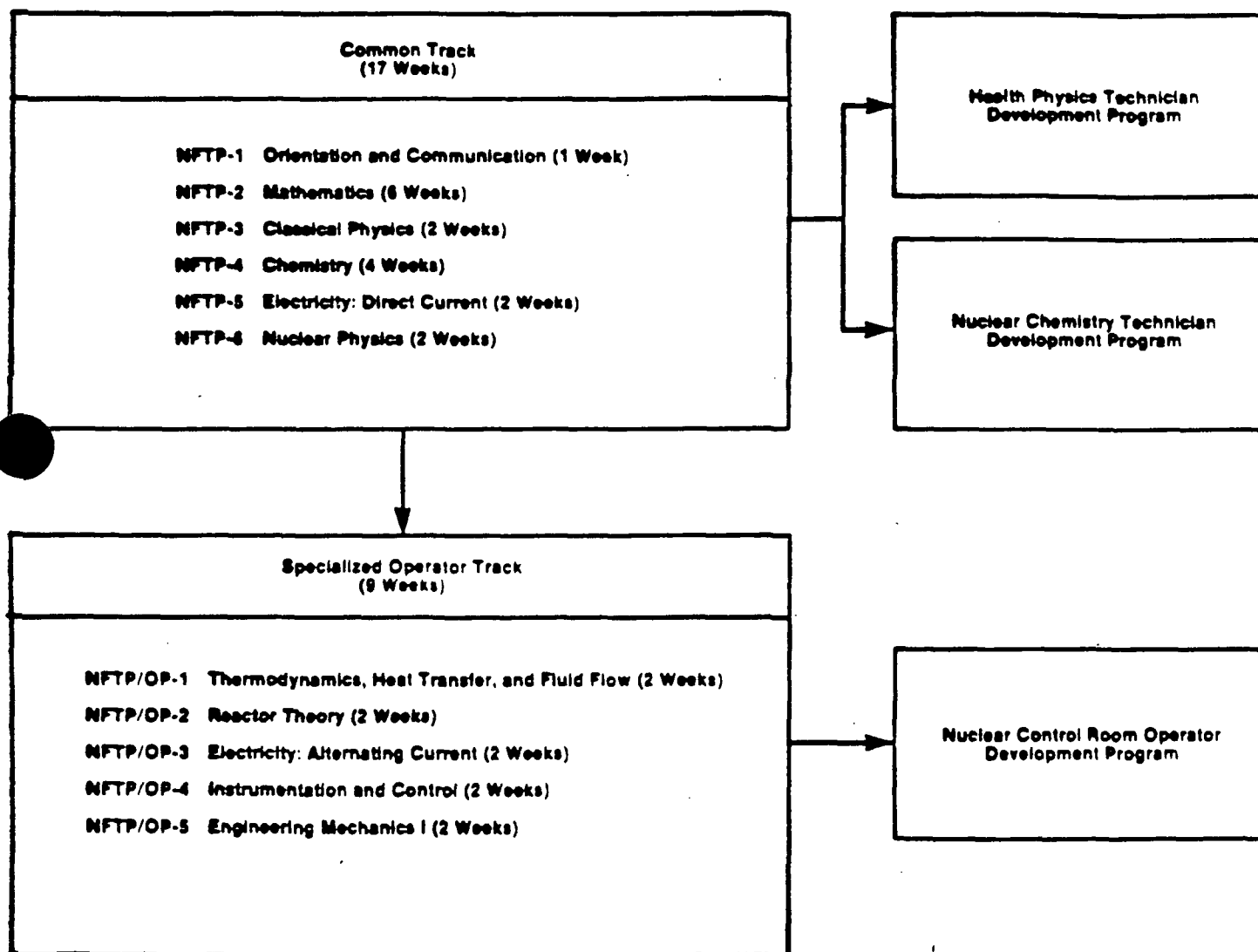
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NUCLEAR FOUNDATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM

Training Flow Chart



(excerpt from NFTP Program Guide)

JOHN TYLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Examples of Catalogue Course Descriptions Corresponding to Nuclear Foundations Training Program Modules.

NFTP 4 CHEMISTRY

CHM 111-112 College Chemistry I-II (4 Cr.) (4 Cr.)
Explores the fundamental laws, theories, and mathematical concepts of chemistry. Designed primarily for science and engineering majors. Requires a strong background in mathematics. Lecture 3 hours per week. Laboratory 3 hours per week.

NFTP 3 PHYSICS

PHY 201-202 General College Physics I-II (4 Cr.) (4 Cr.)
Teaches fundamental principles of physics. Covers mechanics, thermodynamics, wave phenomena, electricity and magnetism, and selected topics in modern physics. Prerequisite MTH 165 or equivalent. Lecture 3 hours per week. Laboratory 3 hours per week.

NFTP 2 MATHEMATICS

MTH 171-172 Pre-Calculus Mathematics I-II (3 Cr.) (3 Cr.)
Presents the concepts and methods necessary for the study of calculus including algebra, analytical geometry, and the study of algebraic, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions. Prerequisites satisfactory score on an appropriate proficiency examination and MTH 04 and MTH 06 or equivalent. Lecture 3 hours per week.

SELECTED COLLEGE-LEVEL
STUDENT TEXTS
USED IN THE
NUCLEAR FOUNDATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM

Area

Textbook

Communication and Orientation

The Gregg Reference Manual, William A. Sabin

Mathematics

Essentials of Mathematics, Russell V. Person

Precalculus, Functions and Graphs, Munum and Yizze General Physics -
Vol. #1

Classical Physics

Applied Physics, Tippens, G.P. - Vol. #2

Chemistry

Fundamentals of Chemistry, Brady and Holum, G.P. - Vol. #4

Electricity: DC

Basic Electricity, Volumes 1 through 5, Van Valkenburgh,
Nooger: Neville, Inc.

Nuclear Physics

Chart of the Nuclids, General Electric, G.P. Vol. #IV

Reactor Theory

Academic Program for Nuclear Power Plant Personnel, Vol.
III, Nuclear Power Plant Technology

Thermodynamics

Elements of Applied Thermodynamics, Johnston, Brockett, Bock, Keating

Heat Transfer, Thermodynamics and Fluid Flows Fundamentals,
General Physics Corporation

Electricity: AC

Basic Electricity, Volumes 1 through 5, Van Valkenburgh,
Nooger: Neville, Inc.

Instrumentation

Academic Program for Nuclear Power Plant Personnel, Vol. IV
Nuclear Instrumentation

Engineering Mechanics, General Physics Corp. Series, Vol. IV

TAB 2

NUCLEAR CONTROL ROOM OPERATOR DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM

- 2-1 NORTH ANNA SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION
- 2-2 SURRY SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION
- 2-3 EXAMPLE CURRICULUM OUTLINE: BASIC
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TECHNOLOGY
- 2-4 EXAMPLE CURRICULUM OUTLINE: ENGINEERING
MECHANICS II

NUCLEAR CONTROL ROOM OPERATOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS BY PROGRAM STEP

NORTH ANNA WATCHSTATIONS/STEPS

Step 1: General Watchstation (5 months)

	<u>Instructor Guide #</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Basic Nuclear Power Plant Technology	4	80
Watchstanding Techniques	1	28
Power Station Safety	2	4
Engineering Mechanics II	5	60
Power Station Communications	3	4

	<u>System Module #</u>
Fuel Oil System	8
Fire Protection System	6
Domestic Water Systems	7

Step 2: Outside Watchstation (4 months)

Circulating Water System	12
Service Water System	13
Vacuum Priming System	14
Basic Electrical Distribution System	18
Heat Tracing System	22
Compressed Gas System	20
Compressed Air System	17
Auxiliary Boiler System	11
Auxiliary Steam System	10
Waste Oil Collection System	9

Step 3: Turbine Building Watchstation (6 months)

Main Condensate System	25
Water Treatment System	16
Main Steam System	23
Main Feedwater System	26
Secondary Sampling System	34
Extraction Steam System	27
Secondary Drains System	28
Turbine Lube Oil System	29
Gland Seal System	30
Electro-Hydraulic Fluid System	31
Main Generator and Exciter System	32
Bearing Cooling System	33
Main Turbine System	24
Secondary Plant Ventilation Systems	36
Chilled Water System	15

Step 4: Auxiliary Building Watchstation (6 months)

Reactor Coolant System	38
Reactor Vessel and Core Components System	39
Residual Heat Removal System	40
Chemical and Volume Control System	41
Steam Generator Blowdown System	37
Liquid Waste System	43
Gaseous Waste Disposal System	45
Radiation Monitoring System	46
Primary Ventilation System	47
Reactor Cavity Purification System	50
Component Cooling System	51
Primary Grade Water System	21
Spent Fuel Pit Cooling System	49
Boron Recovery System	42
Safety Injection System	52

Step 5: Safeguards Building Watchstation (6 months)

Primary Sampling System	56
Containment Vacuum and Leakage Monitoring System	57
Auxiliary Feedwater System	26
Primary Vents and Drains System	59
Decontamination Systems	44
Emergency and Vital Electrical Distribution System	35
Emergency Diesel Generator System	55
Containment Depressurization System	53/54
Containment Isolation System	67
Containment Atmospheric Cleanup System	58
Neutron Shield Tank System	60
Rod Control System	65

Step 6: Backboards Watchstation (6 months)

Containment Structure	66
Vibration and Loose Parts Monitoring System	70
Ambient Temperature Monitoring System	71
Ex-Core Nuclear Instrumentation System	62
In-Core Nuclear Instrumentation System	63
Core Cooling Monitoring System	64
Meteorological Monitoring System	68
Annunciator and Event Recorder System	69
Seismic Monitoring System	72
Plant Computer	73

System.
Module #

Step 7: Control and Protection Watchstation (6 months)

Pressurizer Pressure Protection and Control System	74
Main Turbine Generator Control and Protection System	75/76
Reactor Protection System	77
Fuel Handling System	48
T/Tavg Control & Protection System	77
Pressurizer Level Control and Protection	74
Steam Dump Control System	23
S/G Level Control and Protection System	26
S/G Recirc, Transfer and Wet Layup System	37

NUCLEAR CONTROL ROOM OPERATOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS BY PROGRAM STEP

SURREY WATCHSTATION/STEPS

Step 1: General Watchstation (5 months)

	<u>Instructor</u> <u>Guide #</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Basic Nuclear Power Plant Technology	4	80
Watchstanding Techniques	1	40
Power Station Safety	2	24
Engineering Mechanics II	5	40
Power Station Communications	3	16

	<u>System</u> <u>Module #</u>
Fuel Oil System	8
Fire Protection System	6
Domestic Water Systems	7

Step 2: Outside Watchstation (4 months)

Circulating Water System	12
Service Water System	13
Vacuum Priming System	14
Basic Electrical Distribution System	18
Heat Tracing System	22
Compressed Gas System	20
Gas Turbine System	19
Meteorological Monitoring System	68

Step 3: Condensate Polishing Building Watchstation (6 months)

Auxiliary Boiler System	11
Compressed Air System	17
Main Condensate System	25
Flash Evaporator/Water Treatment System	16
Main Feedwater System	26
Secondary Sampling System	34
Steam Generator Blowdown System	37
Condensate Polishing System	61

System
Module #

Step 4: Turbine Building Watchstation (6 months)

Main Steam System	23
Extraction Steam System	27
Secondary Drains System	28
Turbine Lube Oil System	29
Gland Seal System	30
Electro-hydraulic Fluid System	31
Main Generator and Exciter System	32
Bearing Cooling System	33
Turbine/Service Building Ventilation System	36
Chilled Water System	15
Auxiliary Steam System	10
Waste Oil Collection System	9
Main Turbine System	24

Step 5: Auxiliary Building Watchstation (6 months)

Reactor Coolant System	38
Reactor Vessel and Core Components System	39
Residual Heat Removal System	40
Chemical and Volume Control System	41
Liquid Waste System	43
Gaseous Waste System	45
Radiation Monitoring System	46
Primary Ventilation System	47
Reactor Cavity Purification System	50
Component Cooling System	51
Primary Grade Water System	21
Spent Fuel Pit Cooling System	49
Boron Recovery System	42
Safety Injection System	52
Primary Sampling System	56
Containment Vacuum and Leakage Monitoring System	57
Primary Vents and Drains System	59
Containment Structure System	66

Step 6: Service Building Watchstation (6 months)

Technical Support Center	78
Emergency and Vital Electrical Distribution System	35
Emergency Diesel Generator System	55
Containment Spray System	53
Recirculation Spray System	54
Containment Isolation System	67
Neutron Shield Tank System	60
Containment Atmospheric Cleanup System	58
Vibration and Loose Parts Monitoring System	70
Fuel Handling System	48
Seismic Monitoring System	72

System
Module #

Step 7: (6 months)

Ambient Temperature Monitoring System	71
Ex-Core Nuclear Instrumentation System	62
In-Core Nuclear Instrumentation System	63
Core Cooling Monitoring System	64
Rod Control System	65
Annunciator and Event Recorder System	69
Plant Computer	73
Pressurizer Pressure Protection and Control System	74
Main Turbine Control and Protection System	75
Main Generator Control and Protection System	76
Reactor Protection System	77

Unit Number: NCRODP-4

Unit Title: Basic Nuclear Power Plant Technology

Program: Nuclear Control Room Operator Development Program

Unit Description: This unit introduces the trainee to the basic concepts underlying the operation of a nuclear power plant, Surry Power Station Layout, and the basic systems and their functions at Surry Power Station.

Subject Matter:

I. Basic Nuclear Plant Cycle

II. Basic Thermodynamic Concepts

III. Station Layout

IV. Nuclear Steam Supply Systems Introduction

V. Reactor Coolant System

VI. Reactor Control

VII. Nuclear Instrumentation System

VIII. Chemical and Volume Control System

IX. Reactor Trip System

X. Residual Heat Removal System

XI. Introduction to Main Steam and Feed Systems

XII. Main Steam System

XIII. Main Turbine and Associated Systems

XIV. Main Condenser and Air Ejectors

XV. Circulating Water and Vacuum Priming Systems

XVI. Main Condensate and Feedwater Systems

XVII. Extraction Steam and Secondary Drain Systems

XVIII. Introduction to Corrosion Control

XIX. Condensate Polishing and Chemical Addition

XX. Steam Generator Blowdown and Associated Systems

XXI. Secondary Makeup Systems

XXII. Main Generator and Support Systems

XXIII. Electrical Systems Introduction

XXIV. Station Service Electrical Distribution

XXV. Emergency Electrical Distribution

XXVI. Introduction to Emergency Systems

XXVII. Safety Injection System

XXVIII. Auxiliary Feedwater System

XXIX. Containment and Containment Support Systems

XXX. Containment Spray System

Unit Number: NCRODP-5

Unit Title: Engineering Mechanics II

Program: Nuclear Control Room Operator Development Program

Unit Description: This unit introduces the reading of drawings and prints; basic circuitry control and protection devices; and the operating characteristics and inspection checks associated with pumps, valves, heat exchangers, and steam traps with which the operator should be familiar.

Subject Matter:

I. Reading Drawings

II. Electrical Equipment

III. Pumps

IV. Valves

V. Heat Exchanger Malfunctions

VI. Steam Traps and Strainers

TAB 3

RO/SRO LICENSE COURSE

- 3-1 COURSE OVERVIEW
- 3-2 SURRY LESSON PLAN OVERVIEW
- 3-3 NORTH ANNA LESSON PLAN OVERVIEW

RO/SRO LICENSE COURSE SEGMENT OVERVIEW

Power Plant Fundamentals	Primary/ Secondary I & O Systems	Control Rods	Control Rods Training	Support/ Refueling Systems	Transfer/ Rods and Diagnostics	Integrated Plant Operations	Control Room Training	Transient and Accident Analysis	Control Room Training	Integrated Maintenance/ Failure Analysis	Final Examination	COURSE REVIEW
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- **13 Weeks**
- **Principle areas covered:**
 - Mathematics
 - Physics
 - Chemistry
 - Material Science
 - Engineering Mechanics
 - Electrical Theory
 - Thermodynamics
 - Reactor Theory
 - Health Physics (Advanced Radiation Worker Training may be substituted)
- **Approximately 10 tests will be administered. An overall average of at least 80% is required at the conclusion of this segment.**
- **Formal classroom lecture is the major method of instruction in this segment. Classroom problem solving sessions occur in those subjects which require mathematical manipulations. A simulator learning activity demonstrating subcritical multiplication, criticality, and reactivity feedback is conducted during the Reactor Theory Segment.**

RO/SRO LICENSE TRAINING PROGRAM

LESSON PLAN OVERVIEWS

SURRY POWER STATION

NCRODP-79

MATHEMATICS

1. Axioms, Decimals, Fractions, and Percentages
2. Exponents, Powers and Roots
3. Logarithms
4. Essentials of Algebra
5. Dimensional Analysis
6. Graphing and Graph Reading
7. Geometry
8. Trigonometry and Vectors

NCRODP-80

ELECTRICAL THEORY

1. Introduction to Electricity
2. DC Circuit Analysis
3. Magnetism
4. Electromagnetism
5. Alternating Voltage and Current
6. Generator Theory
7. Alternating Current Motors
8. Transformers
9. Resistance in AC Circuits
10. Inductance in AC Circuits
11. Capacitance in AC Circuits
12. Electrical Power Generation
13. Batteries
14. Electrical Print Reading
15. Circuit Breakers

NCRODP-81.1

CHEMISTRY

1. General Chemistry Concepts
2. Corrosion
3. Makeup Water and Secondary Coolant Processing
4. Secondary Chemistry Specifications
5. Primary Chemistry Specifications

NCRODP-8.2 HEALTH PHYSICS

1. Radiation and Its Effects
2. Radiation Detection
3. External Exposure Control
4. Respiratory Protection
5. Radioactive Releases

NCRODP-82 PHYSICS

1. Introduction to Physics
2. Application of Physics

NCRODP-83 THERMO, FLUID FLOW, HEAT TRANSFER

1. Mechanical and Thermal Energy; Work and Heat
2. General Energy Equation and Continuity Equation
3. Thermodynamic Terminology and Behavior of Water
4. The Second Law of Thermodynamics
5. Steam Tables (Mollier Diagram)
6. Thermodynamic Cycle Analysis
7. Basic Fluid Flow Phenomena
8. Applications of Fluid Flow Phenomena
9. Basic Heat Transfer
10. Heat Exchangers

NCRODP-84 MATERIAL SCIENCE

1. Introduction to Material Science
2. Operator's Curve and Pressurized Thermal Shock
3. Engineering Structural Materials

NCRODP-85 ENGINEERING MECHANICS

1. Pumps
2. Turbines
3. Bearings and Lubrication
4. Fans and Compressors
5. Heat Exchangers
6. Metals, Piping and Miscellaneous Equipment
7. Valves

NCRODP-86.1 REACTOR PHYSICS

1. Atomic and Nuclear Fundamentals
2. Mass and Energy Equivalence
3. Neutron Induced Reactions
4. Quantifying Neutron Interactions
5. Neutron Moderation
6. Neutron Multiplication and Reactivity
7. Fission Neutrons
8. Reactor Power Equations
9. In-Hour Equation and Neutron Flux Transients

NCRODP-86.2 REACTOR OPERATION PRINCIPLES

1. Fuel Temperature Coefficient and Defect
2. Moderator Temperature Coefficient and Defect
3. Power Defect
4. Fission Product Poisons
5. Reactivity Controls Part I: Kexcess and Chemical Shim
6. Reactivity Controls Part II: Control Rods and Burnable Poison Rods
7. Reactor Start-up
8. Power Operations
9. Reactor Shutdown

NCRODP-86.3 REACTOR ENERGY REMOVAL

1. Reactor Fuel Heat Transfer
2. Boiling Heat Transfer
3. Reactor Thermal Limits
4. Natural Circulation

NCRODP-88 PRIMARY SYSTEMS

NCRODP-88.1 Reactor Coolant System

1. Reactor Coolant System Overview
2. Reactor Vessel and Internals
3. Pressurizer and Pressurizer Relief Tank
4. Steam Generators
5. Steam Generator Operating Characteristics
6. Reactor Coolant Pumps
7. Valves, Piping, and Instrumentation
8. General System Operation
9. Technical Specifications - An Overview
10. RCS Technical Specifications

NCRODP-88.2 Residual Heat Removal System

1. Residual Heat Removal System
2. Operations of the RHR System

NCRODP-88.3 Chemical and Volume Control System

1. CVCS Overview
2. Charging and Letdown Subsystem
3. Seal Injection and Return Subsystem
4. Other Minor Functions of CVCS
5. Charging Pumps
6. Charging Pump Cooling Subsystem

7. Boric Acid Transfer and Storage Subsystem
8. Primary Grade Water Subsystem
9. Blender Control Subsystem
10. CVCS Operations

NCRODP-88.4 Containment

1. Containment Systems Overview
2. Containment Vessel
3. Subsurface Drain system
4. Containment Penetrations
5. Containment Vacuum System
6. Containment Ventilation
7. Containment Airlocks
8. Hydrogen Recombiners
9. Neutron Shield Tank

NCRODP-88.5 Component Cooling Water System

1. Component Cooling System
2. Chilled CC System

NCRODP-89 SECONDARY SYSTEMS

NCRODP-89.1 Steam Systems

1. Secondary Plant Overview
2. Main Steam System
3. Reheat Steam System
4. Steam Dump System
5. Extraction steam System
6. Auxiliary Steam System
7. Auxiliary Boilers

NCRODP-89.2 Main Turbine and Support Systems

1. Main Turbine
2. Turbine Lube Oil Systems
3. Lube Oil Storage and Conditioning
4. Turning Gear
5. Gland Seal and Exhaust System
6. Electro-Hydraulic Control Fluid System
7. Turbine Control
8. Turbine Protection
9. Turbine Supervisory Panel

NCRODP-89.3 Condensate and Feed

1. Main Condenser
2. Main Condensate System
3. Main Feed System
4. Auxiliary Feed System
5. Secondary Drains System

NCRODP-89.4 Secondary Plant Makeup and Purification Control Systems

1. Condensate Polishing System
2. Flash Evaporator/Water Treatment
3. Steam Generator Blowdown
4. S/G Recirculation and Transfer System
5. Secondary Sampling System

NCRODP-89.5 Secondary Plant Cooling Systems

1. Circulating Water System
2. Service Water System
3. Bearing Cooling Water System
4. Vacuum Priming Systems
5. Chilled Water Systems

NCRODP-90 ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

NCRODP-90.1 Main Generator

1. Main Generator Component Parts
2. Isolated Phase Bus Duct System
3. Main Generator Cooling System
4. Hydrogen Seal Oil System
5. Main Transformer
6. Main Generator Voltage Regulator
7. Generator Protection and Control

NCRODP-90.2 Basic Electrical Distribution

1. Switchyard
2. Station Service Distribution
3. Screenwall Distribution
4. Lighting
5. Semi-Vital Distribution
6. Station Service Protection and Control

NCRODP-90.3 Emergency and Vital Electrical Distribution

1. Emergency Diesel Generator - Mechanical
2. Emergency Diesel Generator - Electrical
3. Emergency 4160 V Distribution
4. Emergency 480 V Distribution
5. Vital Bus Distribution
6. 125 V Distribution
7. Emergency Distribution Protection and Control
8. Emergency Distribution System Operation

NCRODP-91 ENGINEERED SAFETY FEATURES SYSTEM

1. Engineered Safeguards Functions
2. Safety Injection System
3. SI System Operations
4. Consequence Limiting Safeguards
5. Containment Spray System
6. Recirculation Spray Systems

NCRODP-92 SUPPORT SYSTEMS

NCRODP-92.1 Compressed Air Systems

1. Service Air System
2. Instrument Air System
3. Blue Compressor Outage Air System
4. Condensate Polishing Air System
5. Containment Instrument Air System

NCRODP-92.2 Fire Protection Systems

1. Fire and Domestic Water Systems
2. Low Pressure Cardox System
3. High Pressure Cardox System
4. Halon System
5. Fire Detection Systems

NCRODP-92.3 Ventilation Systems

1. Turbine Building Ventilation
2. Service Building Ventilation
3. Control Room / Relay Room Ventilation
4. Auxiliary Ventilation Systems
5. Technical Support Center Ventilation

NCRODP-92.4 Radioactive Fluid Support Systems

1. Boron Recovery System
2. Gaseous Waste System
3. Vents and Drains System
4. Liquid Waste System
5. Primary Sampling System
6. Post-Accident Sampling System

NCRODP-92.5 Refueling Support Systems

1. Unit Refueling Overview
2. Refueling Technical Specifications
3. Fuel Handling Tools
4. Fuel Transfer System
5. Reactor Cavity Purification System
6. Spent Fuel Pit and Support Systems
7. Refueling Abnormal Procedures

NCRODP-92.6 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI)

1. ISFSI Facility Design
2. ISFSI Safety Analysis
3. ISFSI License

NCRODP-93 INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL

NCRODP-93.1 Basic Measurement Devices and Control Systems

1. Measurement Devices
2. Control Systems

NCRODP-93.2 Nuclear Instrumentation Systems

1. Basic Detector Theory
2. Source Range NIS
3. Intermediate Range NIS
4. Power Range NIS
5. Excore Fission Chamber System
6. DELETED
7. Incore Flux Thimble Thermocouple System
8. Incore Flux Detector System

NCRODP-93.3 Process Protection and Control

1. Characteristics of Tavg Control System
2. Delta T/Tavg Instrumentation System
3. Rod Control System
4. Rod Position Indication System
5. Pressurizer Pressure Control System
6. Overpressure Level Control System
7. Pressurizer Level Control System
8. S/G Water Level Control System
9. Steam Dump Control System
10. Reactor Protection - General
11. Reactor Coolant System Flow Protection
12. Reactor Coolant System Pressure Protection
13. Pressurizer Level Protection
14. Overpower/Overtemperature dT Protection
15. Technical Specifications - Reactor Protection
16. Permissive/Bypass Status Light

NCRODP-93.4 Accident and Event Monitoring and Control Systems

1. Plant Computer System (P-250)
2. ERF Computer System/Safety Parameters Display System

3. Inadequate Core Cooling Monitor System
4. Post-Accident Monitoring System
5. Auxiliary Shutdown Panel
6. Remote Monitoring Panels
7. Loose Parts Monitoring Panels
8. Seismic Monitoring
9. Meteorological Monitoring Panel

NCRODP-93.5 Radiation Monitoring Systems

1. Victoreen Area Monitoring System
2. Victoreen Process Monitoring System
3. VRC Steam Monitoring System
4. Kaman Process Monitoring System
5. Containment Monitoring Panel

NCRODP-93.6 Instrumentation Failure Analysis

1. Instrumentation System Failures

NCRODP-95 TRANSIENT AND ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

NCRODP-95.1 Condition I and II Events

1. Event Classifications
2. Condition I Events
3. Partial Loss of RCS Flow
4. Loss of Main Feedwater
5. Dropped/Misaligned Rod Recovery
6. Loss of Containment Vacuum
7. Loss of Vital Bus
8. Loss of Offsite Power
9. Loss of Instrument Air
10. Dilution Accident

11. Anticipated Transient Without Trip (ATWT)
12. Main Steam Trip Valve Closure
13. Stuck Open Pressurizer Spray Valve

NCRODP-95.2 Condition III and IV Events

1. Radioactive Gas Release Accident
2. Rod Withdrawal Accident
3. Secondary Breaks
4. Complete Loss of RCS Flow
5. Loss of All Feedwater Accident
6. S/G Tube Rupture
7. Loss of Coolant Accident
8. Loss of All AC Power
9. RCP Locked Rotor
10. Rod Ejection Accident
11. Fuel Handling Accident
12. Loss of RHR Events

NCRODP-95.3 Emergency Response Guidelines

1. Overview of ERGs
2. Emergency Procedure Writer's Format
3. EP-1.00 Rx Trip/Safety Injection
4. EP-1.01 Rx Trip Recovery
5. EP-1.02A Natural Circ Cooldown
6. EP-1.02B Natural Circ Cooldown With Void
7. EP-2.00 Loss of Primary/Secondary Coolant
8. EP-2.01 SI Termination
9. EP-2.02 Post-LOCA Cooldown and Depressureization
10. EP-2.03 Transfer to Cold Leg Recirculation
11. EP-2.04 Transfer to Hot Leg Recirculation
12. EP-3.00 Faulted S/G Isolation
13. EP-4.00 S/G Tube Rupture
14. EP-4.01 Post-SGTR Cooldown (Backfill Method)

15. EP-4.02 Post-SGTR Cooldown (Blowdown Method)
16. EP-4.03 Post-SGTR Cooldown (Steam Dump Method)
17. ECA-1.00 Loss of All AC Power
18. ECA-1.01 Loss of All AC Recovery Without SI
19. ECA-1.02 Loss of All AC Recovery With SI
20. ECA-2.01 Loss of Emergency Coolant Recirculation
21. ECA-2.02 LOCA Outside Containment
22. ECA-3.01 Uncontrolled Depressurization of All S/Gs
23. ECA-4.01 SGTR With LOCA (Subcooled Recovery Method)
24. ECA-4.02 SGTR With LOCA (Saturated Recovery Method)
25. ECA-4.03 SGTR Without Pressurizer Pressure Control
26. CSF Status Trees
27. FRPs - Subcriticality
28. FRPs - Core Cooling
29. FRPs - Heat Sink
30. FRPs - Integrity
31. FRPs - Containment
32. FRPs - Inventory
33. EP-0.01 Rediagnosis

NCRODP-95.4 LOCA and LOCA Mitigation

1. Post-Accident Cooling
2. Vital Process Instrumentation
3. Instrument Accident Response
4. Assessment Methodology
5. Radiological Aspects
6. Class 9 Events

NCRODP-95.5 Emergency Plan and Implementation Procedures

1. Emergency Plan Overview
2. Station Emergency Manager Training
3. Emergency Communicator Training

NCRODP-95.6 Fire Contingency Plans

1. Appendix "R" Overview
2. FCA 1.00
3. FCA 1.01 (With Attachments from FCA-1.00)
4. FCA 1.02 through 1.09

NCRODP-96 Teamwork and Diagnostic Skills

1. Team Development
2. Personality Types
3. Communications
4. Leadership
5. Conflict Resolution
6. Managing Stress
7. Control Room Team Roles and Responsibilities
8. Decision Making
9. Problem Solving
10. Diagnostic Principles
11. Applying Diagnostics To Procedure Use

NCRODP-100 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. SUADM-0-03 Post-Trip Review
2. SUADM-ADM-01 Station Organization
3. SUADM-0-07 Ops Organization
4. SUADM-0-08 Ops Administrative
5. SUADM-0-09 Ops Logs and Records
6. SUADM-0-10 Ops Procedures
7. SUADM-0-11 Function Bypass and Temporary
Modifications
8. SUADM-0-12 Ops Notifications

9. SUADM-0-13 Ops Maintenance and Tagging
10. SUADM-0-19 Containment Entry
11. SUADM-ENG-05 Equipment Classifications
12. SUADM-ENG-04 Setpoint Changes
13. SUADM-SP-01 Environmental Qualification Program

RO/SRO LICENSE TRAINING PROGRAM

LESSON PLAN OVERVIEWS

NORTH ANNA POWER STATION

NCRODP-79 Mathematics

NCRODP-80 Electrical Theory

1. Electrical Theory
2. Introduction to Elec.
3. Magnetism
4. Direct Current Circuit Analysis
5. Generator Theory
6. Alternating Voltage and Current
7. Transformers
8. Alternation Current Motors
9. Resistance in Parallel AC Circuits
10. Inductance in AC Parallel Circuits
11. Capacitance in Parallel AC Circuits
12. Parallel AC Circuit Analysis
13. RLC Effect on Electrical Power Generation
14. NAPS Main Generator Basic Operation

NCRODP-81 Chemistry and Health Physics

1. Corrosion
2. Primary Chemistry
3. Secondary Chemistry
4. Make-up Water

NCRODP-82 Classical Physics

1. Systems of Units and Unit Conversion
2. Forces and Motion
3. Work, Energy, and Power
4. Momentum and Collisions
5. Temperature and Ideal Gas Behavior

NCRODP-83 Thermodynamics, Fluid Flow, and Heat Transfer

1. Mechanical & Thermal Energy, Work, and Heat
2. General Energy Equation & Continuity Equation
3. Thermo Terminology & the Behavior of Water
4. The Second Law of Thermo
5. Mollier Diagram and Steam Tables
6. Thermo Cycle Analysis
7. Basic Fluid Flow Phenomena
8. Applications of Fluid Flow Phenomena
9. Basic Heat Transfer
10. Heat Exchangers

NCRODP-84 Material Science

1. Intro to Material Science
2. Operation's Curve
3. Pressurized Thermal Shock

NCRODP-85 Engineering Mechanics

1. Pumps
2. Turbines
3. Bearings & Lubrication
4. Fans & Compressors
5. Heat Exchangers
6. Metals, Piping & Misc. Equipment
7. Valves

NCRODP-86 Reactor Theory

NCRODP-86.1 Reactor Physics

1. Atomic & Nuclear Fundamentals
2. Mass & Energy Equivalence
3. Neutron Induced Reactions
4. Quantifying Neutron Interactions

5. Neutron Moderations
6. Neutron Multiplication & Reactivity
7. Fission Neutron
8. Reactor Power Equations
9. Inhour Equation & Neutron Flux Transients

NCRODP-86.2 Reactor Operator Principles

1. Fuel Temp. Coefficient & Defect
2. Moderator Temp. Coefficient & Defect
3. Power Defect
4. Fission Product Poisons
5. Reactivity Controls Part 1 K Excess & Chemical Shim
6. Reactivity Controls Part 2 Control Rods & Burnable
Poison Rods
7. Reactor Startup
8. Power Operations
9. Reactor Shutdown

NCRODP-86.3 Reactor Energy Removal

1. Reactor Fuel Heat Transfer
2. Boiling Heat Transfer
3. Reactor Thermal Limits
4. Natural Circulation

NCRODP-87 Control Room Training (not applicable)

NCRODP-88 Primary Systems

NCRODP-88.1 Reactor Coolant System

1. Reactor Vessel & Core Construction
2. Pressurizer & Pressure Relief
3. Reactor Coolant Pumps
4. Steam Generators

5. RCS Piping
6. Instrumentation & Controls

NCRODP-88.2 Residual Heat Removal System

1. RHR System Description
2. RHR System Operation

NCRODP-88.3 Chemical Volume and Control System

1. Charging & Letdown
2. Makeup System

NCRODP-88.4 Neutron Shield Tank

1. Neutron Biological Shields
2. Neutron Shield System

NCRODP-88.5 Technical Specifications

1. Use of Tech Specs
2. Tech Specs Required Information

NCRODP-89 Secondary Systems

NCRODP-89.1 Main Steam System

1. Main Steam

NCRODP-89.2 Main Turbine Construction and Operation, and Turbine Lube Oil

1. Main Turbine Construction & Operation
2. Lube Oil System

NCRODP-89.3 Main Condensate and Air Ejectors

1. Main Condensate System

NCRODP-89.4 Feedwater Systems

1. Main Feed System
2. Aux. Feedwater System

NCRODP-89.5 EHC/Turbine Control and Protection

1. Electro Hydraulic Fluid System
2. Turbine Control & Protection

NCRODP-89.6 Extraction Steam System

1. System Description

NCRODP-89.7 Secondary Drains System

1. Secondary Drains System

NCRODP-90 Electrical Systems

NCRODP-90.1 Basic Electrical Distribution

1. Switchyard Electrical Distribution System
2. Station Service Electrical Distribution

NCRODP-90.3 Vital and Emergency Distribution

1. Vital Electrical Distribution
2. Emergency Electrical Distribution

NCRODP-90.4 Emergency Diesel Generators

1. Diesel Construction
2. Emergency Diesel Operations

NCRODP-90.5 Security Uninterrupted Power Supply

1. Tech. Support Center Distribution

NCRODP-91 Engineered Safety Features

NCRODP-91.1 ESF

1. ESF
2. SI or ECCS as Subset of the ESF System
3. Quench Spray System
4. Recirculating Spray System

NCRODP-91.2 Containment and Containment Systems

1. Cont. and Cont. Systems

NCRODP-92 Support Systems

NCRODP-92.1 Fire Protection

1. Fire Protection System Construction, Operation & Procedures

NCRODP-92.2 Service Water

1. Service Water

NCRODP-92.3 Liquid Waste

1. System Description
2. Instrumentation & Controls
3. General System Operation

NCRODP-92.4 Gaseous Waste

1. Water Gas Disposal System

NCRODP-92.5 Circulating Water System

1. Circ. Water

NCRODP-92.6 Component Cooling Water

1. System Description
2. Instrumentation & Controls
3. General Operation

NCRODP-92.8 Water Treatment

1. Makeup Water
2. Flash Evaporator
3. Demineralizer

NCRODP-92.9 Fuel Handling and Refueling Operations

1. Fuel Handling & Refueling Operations
2. Core Components
3. Fuel Handling Equipment
4. Refueling Operations

NCRODP-92.10 Compressed Air System

1. Service Air Objectives

NCRODP-92.11 Main Generator Seal Oil System

1. Hydrogen Side Seal Oil System
2. Air Side System

NCRODP-92.12 Sampling Systems

1. High Rad. Sampling System

NCRODP-92.13 Appendix R Monitoring

1. App. Monitoring in Fuel Building

NCRODP-92.14 Boron Recovery System

1. System Description

NCRODP-92.15 Ventilation System

1. Primary Ventilation System
2. Control Room Ventilation
3. App. R. Modification to Ventilation

NCRODP-92.16 Bearing Cooling System

1. Bearing Cooling System

NCRODP-92.17 Vacuum Priming System

1. Vacuum Priming System

NCRODP-93 Instrumentation and Control

NCRODP-93.1 Radiation Monitoring

1. Westinghouse Radiation Monitoring
2. Hi Range Radiation Monitoring System

NCRODP-93.2 Excore NIS

1. Detector Operation
2. Instrument Operation
3. Excore Monitoring System

NCRODP-93.3 Incore NIS

1. Incore Detection System
2. Incore Instrumentation System

NCRODP-93.4 Core Cooling Monitoring

1. Instrumentation & Control

NCRODP-93.5 Rod Control & Rod Position Indication

1. Rod Control Drive Mechanism
2. Rod Control System
3. Rod Position Indication System

NCRODP-93.6 Meteorological Monitoring

1. Meteorological Monitoring

NCRODP-93.7 Seismic Monitoring

1. Seismic Monitoring

NCRODP-93.8 Pressurizer Pressure and Level Control and Protection

1. Pressurizer Level Control & Protection
2. Pressurizer Pressure Control & Protection

NCRODP-93.9 Main Generator Control and Protection

1. Main Generator Control & Protection
2. Main Generator Breaker Control

NCRODP-93.10 Reactor Protection

1. Instrumentation & Control
2. Operation of the Reactor Protection System

NCRODP-93.11 Steam Dumps

1. Steam Dumps

NCRODP-93.12 SGWLC and Protection

1. Steam Generator Water Level Control & Protection System

NCRODP-93.13 RVLIS

1. Reactor Vessel Level Indication System

NCRODP-93.14 Basic I and C

1. Intro.
2. Sensing Elements
3. Controller & Control Actions
4. Final Elements
5. Control Systems

NCRODP-93.15 Auxiliary Shutdown Panel

1. Aux. S/D Panel

NCRODP-93.16 P-250 Plant Computer

1. Plant Computer

NCRODP-93.17 Vibration and Loose Parts Monitoring

1. Vibration & Loose Parts Monitoring System
2. Loose Parts Monitoring Subsystem

NCRODP-93.18 Instrument Failures

1. I&C System Failure Analysis

NCRODP-93.19 Inadequate Core Cooling Monitor

1. Inadequate Core Cooling Monitor

NCRODP-94 Startup Certification (not applicable)

NCRODP-95 Transient Response and Mitigating Core Damage

NCRODP-95.1 Transient and Accident Analysis

1. Transient and Accident Analysis

NCRODP-95.2 Mitigating Core Damage

1. Mitigating Core Damage
2. Potentially Damaging Operating Conditions
3. Accident Response to Incore Instrumentation
4. Accident Response of Excore Instrumentation
5. Post Accident Core Damage Assessments
6. Rad. Aspects of Core Damage
7. ATWS

NCRODP-95.3 Emergency Response Guidelines

1. Emergency Op. Procedures, Emerg. Supplement, Emerg. Contingency Actions
2. Critical Safety Functions

NCRODP-96 Teamwork and Diagnostic Skills

1. Team Development
2. Personality Types
3. Communications
4. Leadership
5. Conflict Resolution
6. Managing Stress
7. Control Room Team Roles and Responsibilities
8. Decision Making
9. Problem Solving
10. Diagnostic Principles
11. Applying Diagnostics To Procedure Use

NCRODP-97 Station Modifications and Operations Experience (not applicable)

NCRODP-98 Audit Examinations (not applicable)

NCRODP-99 NRC Examination Preparation (not applicable)

NCRODP-100 Administrative Procedures

TAB 4

TEAMWORK AND DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS

4-1 CURRICULUM OUTLINE

TEAMWORK AND DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

I. TEAM DEVELOPMENT

- A. Introduction: Why We Emphasize Team Skills
- B. Team Characteristics
- C. The Advantages of Teamwork
- D. Teamwork Process Model
- E. Basic Team Behaviors
- F. The Four Stages of Team Development
- G. Techniques for Improving Teamwork on the Job

II. PERSONALITY TYPES

- A. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
- B. Interpretation of MBTI Styles
- C. Applying MBTI Information To Our Jobs and Teamwork

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Introduction: The Importance of Successful Communication
- B. The Communication Process
- C. Communication Barriers
- D. Techniques for Overcoming Barriers
- E. One-Way Vs. Two-Way Communication
- F. Types of Communication
- G. Listening
- H. Feedback
- I. Questioning Techniques
- J. Giving Instructions
- K. Communication Standards for Operations

IV. LEADERSHIP

- A. Leadership Theories
- B. Situational Leadership Styles
- C. Selecting the Appropriate Leadership Style
- D. Influencing: An Important Leadership Skill
- E. Conflict Resolution Skills

V. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- A. Introduction
- B. Causes of Conflict
- C. Types of Conflict: Destructive or Constructive
- D. Conflict Resolution Style
- E. Conflict Resolution Skills

VI. MANAGING STRESS

- A. Introduction
- B. Awareness: Knowing the Causes and Effects of Stress
- C. Relaxation
- D. Positive Attitude and Lifestyle
- E. Reducing the Impact of Stress in the Control Room

VII. CONTROL ROOM TEAM ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Functions of the Control Room Team
- B. Breakdowns in Teamwork
- C. Sources of Established Control Room Team Roles and Responsibilities
- D. Unwritten Roles and Responsibilities
- E. Roles and Responsibilities of the Control Room Team

VIII. DECISION MAKING

- A. Effective Decisions
- B. Types of Decisions
- C. Individual Vs. Team Decisions
- D. The Decision-Making Process

IX. PROBLEM SOLVING

- A. Types of Problem-Solving Situations
- B. Problem-Solving Styles
- C. Information - Collecting Styles
- D. The Problem-Solving Process
- E. Problem-Solving Techniques

X. DIAGNOSTIC PRINCIPLES

- A. The Three Major Steps of the Diagnostic Process
- B. Monitoring
- C. Maintaining Awareness
- D. Detecting Trends
- E. Identifying Problems
- F. Barriers to Effective Monitoring
- G. Interpretation
- H. Intervention
- I. Human Performance Problems Related to Diagnostics
- J. Diagnosing Plant Problems

XI. APPLYING DIAGNOSTICS TO PROCEDURE USE

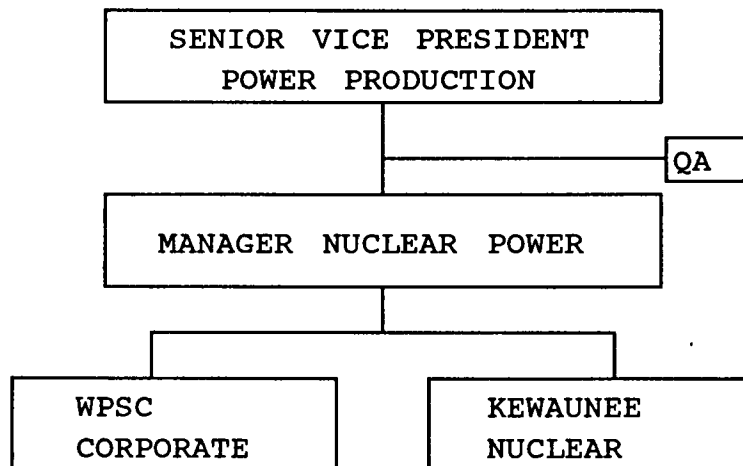
- A. Introduction
- B. Procedural Compliance
- C. Procedure Limitations
- D. Deviating From Procedure

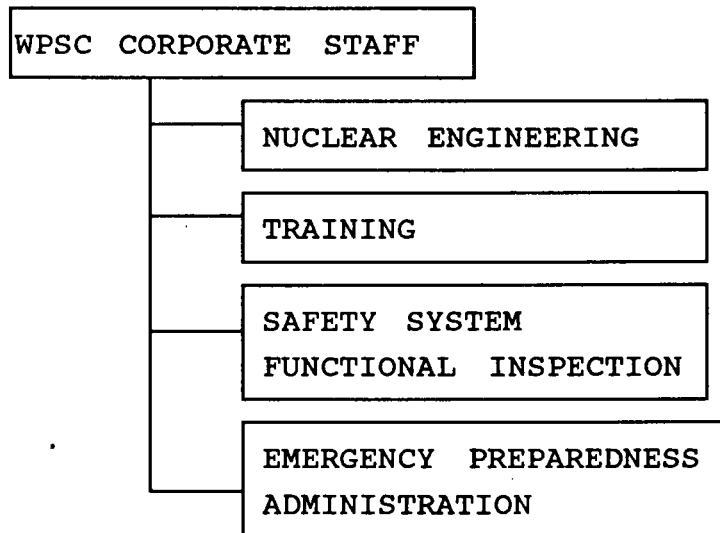
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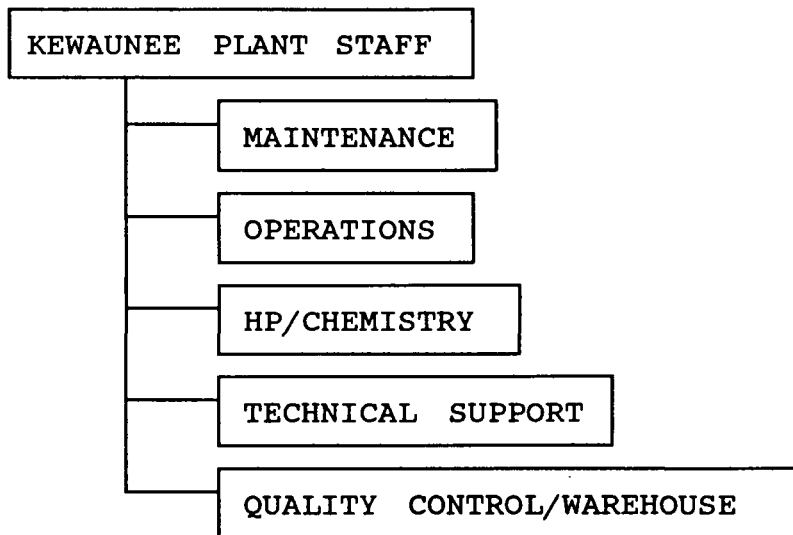
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Availability Factor	87.4	69.8
Capacity Factor	83.3	63.6
Forced Outage Rate	1.7	10.2

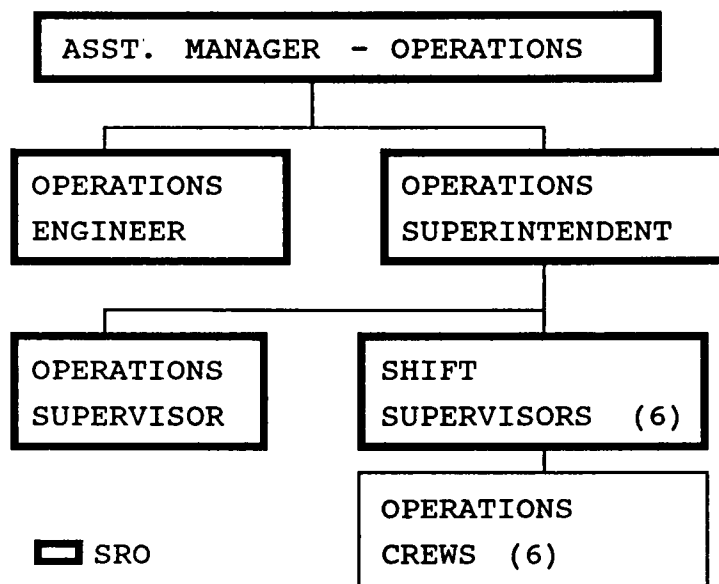
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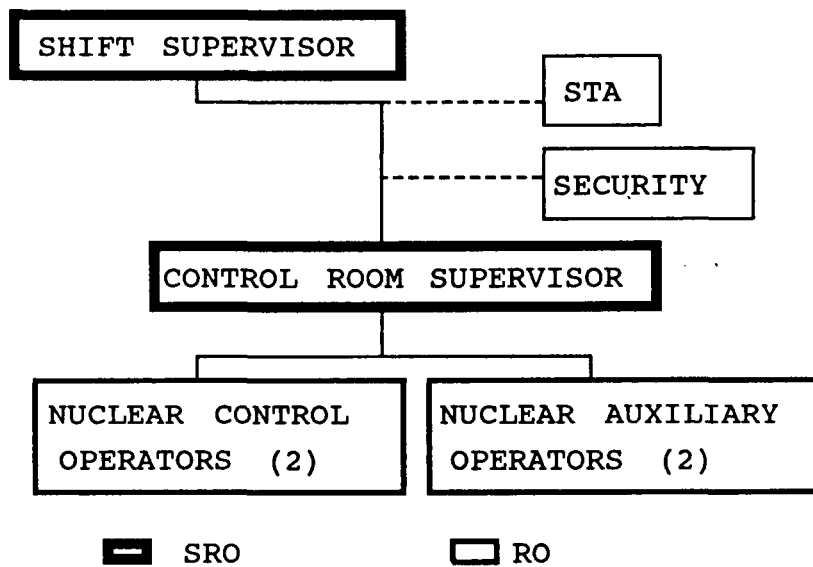
	Kewaunee	Industry Average
Personnel Exposure (Man-Rem)	226	368
Low Level Radwaste (Cubic Meters)	70	194











OPERATIONS GROUP PROFILE

- 40% Have Nuclear Navy Experience
- 30% Have 2 Year Associate Degree
- 25% Active in Baccalaureate Program

OPERATIONS GROUP PROFILE

	Ave. Yrs Experience
Shift Supervisor	14.5
Control Room Supervisor	12.5
Nuclear Control Operator	11.0

REACTOR OPERATOR
TRAINING PROGRAM COMPARISON

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Present</u>
Fundamentals	12	16
Systems	12	16
On-Shift Time	500 hrs	520 hrs
Simulator Time	2 weeks	8 weeks
Training Reactor	2 weeks	2 weeks

REACTOR OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS

- ° Site-Specific Simulator
- ° Site Specific Accident/Transient Analysis
- ° Team Skills/Diagnostic Training
- ° Emergency Response Guidelines

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OPERATIONS GROUP ATTRITION

1984 - 1988

- ° 3 Terminated Employment
- ° 3 Retired or Deceased
- ° 16 Promoted or Transferred
- * 15% of Supervisors Have
Operations Background

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RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO OPERATIONS CREW

- Plant Staff Immediately Available
By Telephone
- Plant Staff Can Respond To Site In
30-60 Minutes
- NSSS/Architect-Engineer By Phone
In 1 Hour

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