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SUBJECT: Requests deferral of remaining annual operator
 requalification exams in order to complete listed actions in
 response to weaknesses/deficiencies noted in licensed
 operator requalification program.

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J. B. Martin
Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region V
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Dear Mr. Martin

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
RESCHEDULING OF REMAINING ANNUAL OPERATOR
REQUALIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

- Reference: 1) Letter, G02-91-052, AL Oxsen (SS) to JB Martin (NRC),
"Basis for Continued Operation for WNP-2, Following
Program Failure of the Licensed Operator Requalification
Program", dated March 14, 1991
- 2) Letter, G12-91-046, JB Martin (NRC) to AL Oxsen (SS),
"Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) V-91-01: Unsatisfactory
Licensed Operator Requalification Training Program",
dated March 15, 1991

During the periods March 18 through March 21, 1991 and March 25 through March 29, 1991, the Supply System had previously scheduled the licensed personnel assigned to crews C, D and E for their annual requalification examinations in accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(a)(2). These crews were last examined in March 1990. As a result of the recently identified deficiencies/weaknesses in the WNP-2 Licensed Operator Requalification Program, the Supply System finds it necessary and prudent to defer this scheduled training pending completion of the actions as stated below. The submittal of this letter was discussed on March 20, 1991 in a conversation between G. C. Sorensen (Supply System) and Mr. L. W. Miller (NRC).

- 1) As discussed in Reference 2 (item 7), the Supply System will identify the problems and root causes as to why the requalification program was unsatisfactory on the schedule proposed by the NRC, including submittal of proposed corrective actions to Region V.

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- 2) Subsequent to Region V concurrence with the proposed corrective actions, the Supply System will proceed to update the Licensed Operator Requalification Program in accordance with the schedule of milestones as submitted.
- 3) As soon as practicable following the NRC's acceptance of the proposed corrective actions to the WNP-2 Licensed Operator Requalification Program, the Supply System will submit a new schedule for the licensed operators training mentioned above. Until such time as they can be requalified under the provisions of the new program, their current qualifications shall remain valid.
- 4) The Supply System will complete the remaining training in accordance with the schedule discussed in 3 above.

The Supply System is proceeding with due diligence to comply with the eight conditions identified in Reference 2. We are confident that the WNP-2 Licensed Operator Requalification Program will be found to be acceptable by the NRC.

Very truly yours,



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