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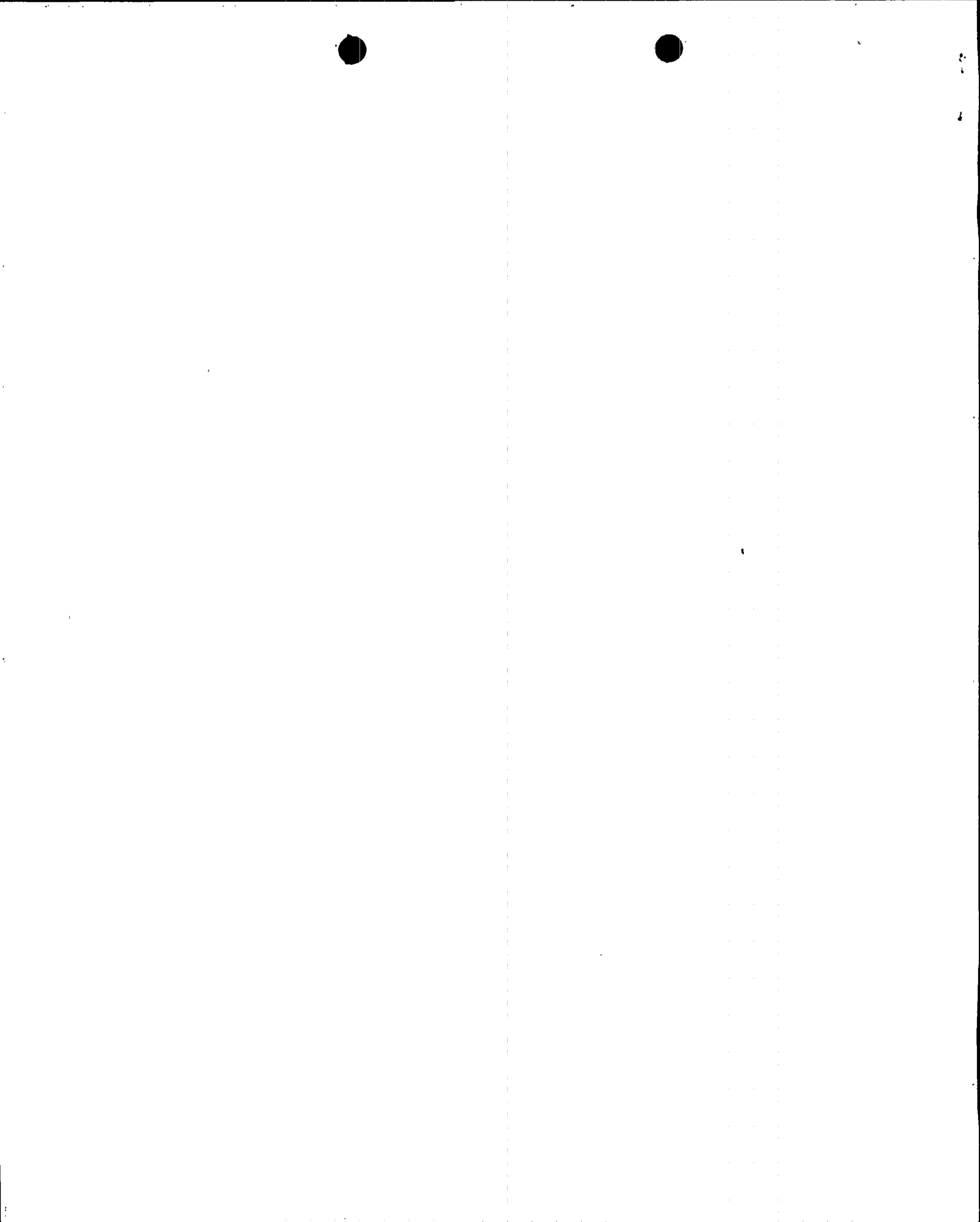
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Reference: Letter from D. F. Kirsch (NRC Region V) to
W. F. Conway (APS) dated June 8, 1990;
Subject: NRC INSPECTION OF PALO VERDE
UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

Dear Mr. Martin:

Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Units 1, 2, and 3
Response to NRC Inspection
File: 90-056-026

The referenced letter requested that APS advise you of the results of the reviews committed to in the exit meeting associated with the NUREG-1220 audit conducted May 14, 1990 through May 18, 1990.

These commitments involved:

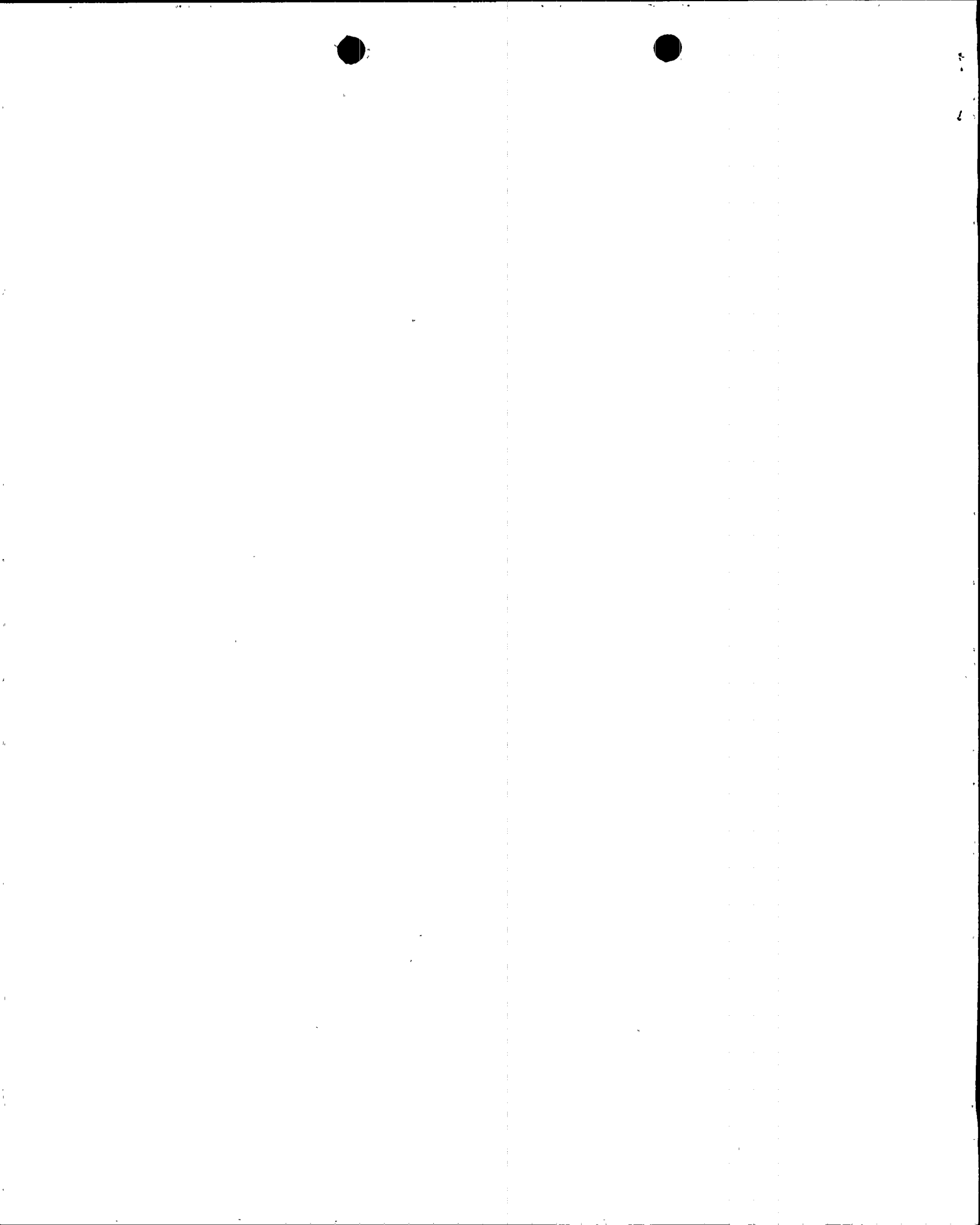
1. A review of licensed operator medical records to ensure that all licensed operators had been medically examined at the required frequency, and
2. A review of licensed operator qualification records to ensure that no operator who had failed his annual operating test was returned to licensed shift duties prior to passing an annual operating test.

The PVNGS Medical Department has reviewed the medical file of each currently licensed operator. This review examined the medical records from the time of the initial application for an operators' license for conformance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55 and identified the following:

- (A) At the time of the review, nine licensed operators were found not to be in conformance with 10 CFR Part 55 as they had exceeded the two year (biennial) medical examination requirement specified in 10 CFR 55.21 and 10 CFR 55.53(i).

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- (B) Medical examinations conducted on two licensed operators as part of their initial application were found to be incomplete as they did not include all requirements of ANSI/ANS 3.4-1983. These individuals were found not to be in conformance with 10 CFR Part 55 as they did not have a currently valid medical examination and were not yet due to receive their first biennial medical examination following license issuance.
- (C) Thirty-seven additional licensed operators, who were determined to have current medical examinations at the time of the review, were found to have not been in conformance with 10 CFR Part 55 at some time in the past. The review determined that the interval between previous medical examinations exceeded the two year (biennial) requirement of 10 CFR 55.21 and 10 CFR 55.53(i).
- (D) Six additional licensed operators, who were determined to have current medical examinations at the time of the review, were found to have not been in conformance with 10 CFR Part 55 upon initial license issuance. The medical examinations conducted as part of their initial application were incomplete as they did not include all requirements of ANSI/ANS 3.4-1983.
- (E) In addition, during the course of the review of medical records, one individual was found to have a current medical condition which had been previously reported to the Medical Department and his management, but had not been reported to the NRC as required by 10 CFR 50.74 and 10 CFR 55.25. A report, to be submitted pursuant to these regulations, is being prepared for submittal to your office.

As a result of the review of the medical files, the remaining licensed operators were found to be in conformance with all aspects of the medical examination requirements of 10 CFR Part 55.

The immediate corrective action taken for the eleven licensed individuals, included in categories (A) and (B) above, was to immediately contact each licensed operator's supervisor, by phone, and report those individuals that were out of compliance with requirements of 10 CFR Part 55. Their duties were restricted to those not requiring an operators' license until such time that a medical examination conforming to the requirements of ANSI/ANS 3.4-1983 was completed. Of the eleven, ten medical examinations were complete as of June 29, 1990 and these individuals were returned to licensed duties. The eleventh individual is on vacation and his medical examination will be completed as soon as he returns and prior to his performing licensed operator duties.

An investigation has been conducted and Licensee Event Report (LER) 1-90-009 is being prepared as a result of the findings of the Medical Department review. This LER will discuss the root causes and corrective actions taken to prevent recurrence of the conditions identified during this investigation.



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The PVNGS Training Department has performed a review to determine whether any individuals who have failed PVNGS administered annual operating examinations since April 2, 1990 have been returned to licensed shift duties prior to passing a subsequent annual operating test. This April 2, 1990 date was the effective date for Nuclear Administrative and Technical Manual procedure 15DP-OTR52, Revision 0, "Licensed Operator Continuing Training - Training Program Description," which revised and superseded procedure 15GB-OTR06, Revision 1. Superseded procedure 15GB-OTR06 included the requirement for remediation and reexamination prior to resuming licensed shift duties. Procedure 15DP-OTR52 did not mandate that individuals failing an annual exam be removed from licensed duties until such time that a successful reexamination has been administered.

Further, the PVNGS Training Department has extended this review back to September 1988 to ensure that no individual has been returned to licensed shift duties without remediation and reexamination.

This review disclosed that no individuals have been returned to licensed duties without first receiving the necessary remediation and reexamination for a failed annual performance examination. There is currently one individual (a member of the training staff not performing licensed shift duties) who has not received remediation for failure of an annual simulator evaluation. This individual is currently on short-term disability and will receive proper remedial training and reexamination upon his return to full-time work status and prior to being assigned to licensed duties.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Gary Clyde at (602) 340-4252.


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