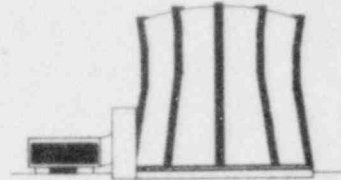


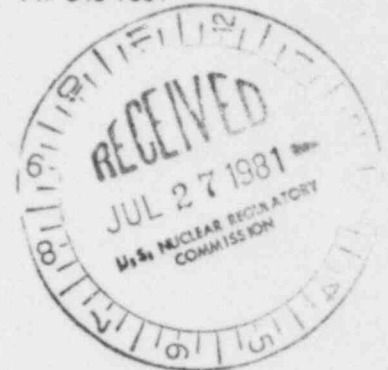
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Region IV
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Reference: Docket No. 50-128

Subject: Violation Due to Expired SRO License Reported 5-8-81

Dear Mr. Madsen:

Enclosed is a final report of a reportable occurrence observed during a check of licenses and requalification status of NSCR operators. This report is submitted in compliance with Section 6.4 and 1.8.c of change No. 11 of the Technical Specifications, Facility License No. R-83 for the Nuclear Science Center, Texas A&M University.

Sincerely,

John D. Randall
Director

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cc: R. R. Berg, Chairman
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Final Report of Violation Due to Expired
Senior Reactor Operator License

Reportable Occurrence

At 1030 on 7 May 1981 during a check of reactor operator licenses and requalification status it was discovered that License No. SOP-3478, held by Gary W. Waldrep, had expired on 27 April 1981. This placed the Nuclear Science Center in violation of 10CFR55.3(b) and NSCR Technical Specifications Section 6.1a which requires that a licensed SRO be in direct control of the facility. The Director was notified of the situation and he directed that Mr. Waldrep be relieved of his licensed duties until a new license is issued. The NRC Operator Licensing Branch was also notified and Mr. Waldrep has submitted a license application with a request to waive the SRO examination. Mr. Waldrep had successfully completed the requirements of the operator requalification program at the time his license expired.

The incident was caused by a failure to follow administrative procedures. The individual that had the responsibility of reviewing the records of the requalification program had been reassigned within the NSC organization. The Manager of Reactor Operations was directed to assign the responsibility to another individual. For some reason this was not done. Unfortunately, the usual notification of license expiration from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was not received until May 8, 1981.

Corrective Action

The immediate solution to the problem has been accomplished by assigning an operator with the responsibility of checking the folders on all licensed operators monthly to determine license and requalification status. He will report any discrepancies or approaching license expirations to the Nuclear Science Center management. This is the same administrative program that has been successful in the past. The recent failure is attributed to personnel inadequacies and not administrative procedures. These will be corrected in the near future.