

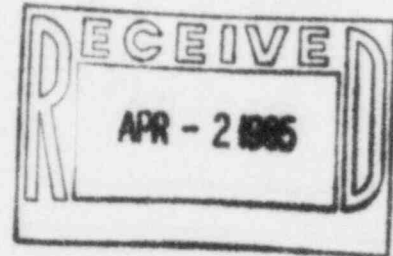


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SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 2
Docket No. 50-368
License No. NPF-6
Examination Report, Arkansas Nuclear One
Unit 2 (ANO-2)

Gentlemen:

As indicated in our correspondence of February 4, 1985 (2CAN028501) AP&L has reviewed the concerns expressed by NRC in your January 16, 1985 letter transmitting the results of the December 1984 examinations of ANO-2 Senior Reactor Operators. AP&L does not agree with your statement of "serious concern for the ability of ANO-2 Senior Operators to adequately and correctly use the Emergency Plan." We feel that our Senior Reactor Operators are adequately trained to cope with emergency situations and would have no difficulty in fulfilling their duties as specified in the Emergency Plan. Although this concern was mentioned at the examiner's exit interview in December, it was not highlighted as a serious problem and we are surprised by this strong statement of concern.

Following NRC inspection 50-313, 368/84-23 conducted during July 9-13, 1984, several steps were promptly embarked upon to enhance the performance of operations personnel in the areas of detection, classification and notifications. Unfortunately, many of these efforts had not yet been implemented at the time of the December examinations.

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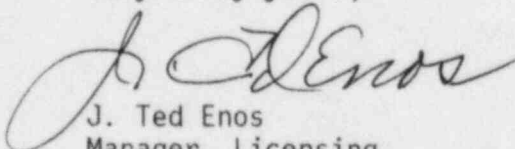
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AP&L undertook immediate action to correct the NRC inspectors' concern during the July inspection that one Shift Operations Supervisor (SOS) and one Shift Administrative Assistant (SAA) could not adequately respond to questions generated by a walkthrough scenario presented to them. A period of self-study was completed by these individuals and a remedial drill involving these individuals was conducted. The results of the drill were evaluated by training, emergency planning and management personnel and the results were determined to be satisfactory for the individuals to resume their emergency response duties. Taking into account the results of the remedial drill experience, a series of training drill scenarios were developed for both Units 1 and 2. These drills had not been administered to the SRO candidates that were examined in December 1984. AP&L began implementation of the scenario exercises during requalification training cycles in February, 1985. In addition to providing individual exercises of emergency response skills, the drills can also be used as indicators of individual performance and for identification of additional training needs in detection, classification and notification in accordance with Emergency Plan implementing procedures.

The ANO Emergency Plan and implementing procedures were completely revised during 1984. This effort was on-going at the time of the July inspection and resulting changes addressed many of the inspectors' concerns identified in inspection report 50-313, 368/84-23. The intent of this major revision effort was to improve the overall effectiveness of AP&L's emergency planning program and included many changes for improvement of instructions for event detection, classification and notification. AP&L's emergency planning utilizes the concept of position responsibilities and assignment of individual tasks within the emergency response organization. In this organization responsibility for event classification, notifications and protective action is specific to the Shift Operations Supervisor position and not a "SRO" license task. However, because we recognize that the NRC views the SRO as a potential Shift Operations Supervisor, the scope of training for future senior reactor operator candidates will place a greater emphasis on emergency plan training as it relates to the Shift Operations Supervisors' responsibilities.

Very truly yours,


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