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Docket No. 50-400
License No. NPF-63

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-400/90-25

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by L. Mellen and R. Baldwin on December 17 - 19, 1990. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Shearon Harris facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of simulator examination techniques.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations or deviations were identified. However, we noted that your licensed operator requalification program permits licensed instructors to receive simulator examinations they had previously used to evaluate other licensed operators. This practice compromises the reliability of the simulator exam to identify areas where retraining is needed to upgrade licensed operator and senior operator knowledge.

The requirements of 10 CFR 55 paragraph 55.59 (a)(2) require licensed personnel to participate in requalification and to participate in the annual examinations. Additionally, NUREG-1262, Question 345 (pg 94) states, in part "...will the SRO who writes the performance exam, and is thus exempt from taking the exam for that year, comply with this [55.59(a)(2)] requirement?" Answer, "it is the Commission's intent that all licensed operators be enrolled in the requalification program and take the requalification exams; further, an individual must take an exam that he did not write or review."

We request that you reevaluate your licensed operator requalification examination practices at Shearon Harris for consistency with the above NRC position and that you respond in writing to this issue within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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