

March 17, 2000

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SUBJECT: SENIOR REACTOR AND REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS -
MILLSTONE 2

Dear Mr. Scace:

In telephone conversations on March 13 and 14, 2000, between Mr. Larry Briggs, Examiner/Inspector, and Mr. Michael Baughmann, Manager, Operations Training, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Millstone Unit 2, during the week of August 7, 2000.

During the telephone conversation, Mr. Baughmann volunteered to have his staff prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," including Supplement 1. The NRC regional office will discuss any changes that might be necessary with Mr. Baughmann before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by May 17, 2000. The written examinations and operating tests will be due by June 21, 2000. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials should be complete and ready-to-use. Any delay in receiving the required examination or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations and operating tests are being administered.

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To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator and senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certifications (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (if any) (OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the applications are not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. Signed applications certifying that all training has been completed should be submitted at least 14 days before the first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Baughmann has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact L. Briggs at (610) 337-5366, or me at (610) 337-5183.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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