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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTARY CHANGES TO REVISION 8 OF
NUREG-1021, "OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION
STANDARDS FOR POWER REACTORS"

As you know, draft Supplement 1 to Revision 8 of NUREG-1021 was issued on March 20, 2000, and the public comment period expired on June 19, 2000. However, we have concluded, based on discussions with your operator licensing branch chiefs and representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), that the small number of examinations that have thus far been prepared using the revised guidance have yielded insufficient feedback to support the issuance of the final supplement. Consequently, we have decided to extend the comment period until October 31, 2000.

In light of recent developments in the area of license eligibility, including the issuance of Revision 3 of Regulatory Guide 1.8, "Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," which endorses, with additions, exceptions, and clarifications, the 1993 version of ANSI/ANS 3.1, "Selection, Qualification, and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," we have taken the opportunity to update the associated regulatory positions (and implement some other minor enhancements) in an addendum to draft Supplement 1. We have solicited informal comments from your operator licensing branch chiefs and will consider additional regional comments during the extended public comment period. We also plan to post the additional changes on the NRC's Operator Licensing Website and to issue a *Federal Register* notice soliciting comments on the combined package through the end of October. The proposed changes will be finalized upon review and resolution of the public comments and incorporation of any lessons learned during the trial period.

The new changes in the attached Examination Standards (ES) and Appendices from NUREG-1021 are identified with redline, strikeout, and italics text for ease of review. ES-201, ES-202, ES-302, ES-401, and ES-501 retain those changes that were proposed in the original supplement issued on March 20, 2000; those changes are also in redline and strikeout text, but they are not in italics. The final change package will be formatted so that the affected pages in Revision 8 can simply be removed and replaced, with the changes identified by vertical lines in the margins adjacent to the affected text.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call David Trimble on 301-415-2942.

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