

October 10, 2000

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SUBJECT: ERRATA LETTER FOR REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR
INITIAL EXAMINATIONS WATTS BAR 50-390/2000-301 AND 50-391/2000-301

Dear Mr. Scalice:

The subject for the Reactor and Senior Reactor Operator Initial Examinations for Watts Bar letter dated September 13, 2000 was incorrect and should be corrected to reflect the correct report number. The correct report number is 50-390/2001-301 and 50-391/2001-301.

Please make the appropriate page substitution as indicated.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Michael E. Ernstes, Chief
Operator Licensing and
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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-390, 50-391
License No. NPF-90 and CPPR-92

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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS
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Dear Mr. Scalice:

In a telephone conversation on September 6 between Mr. Ronald F. Aiello and Mr. Terry Newman, Lead Instructor for non-license training, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Watts Bar during the week of January 29, 2001.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, Supplement 1, Addendum 1 "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors. The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by October 25, 2000. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by November 24, 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 shall be complete and ready-to-use. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, 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.

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),