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**SUBJECT: SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR RETAKE EXAMINATION AT HARRIS
NUCLEAR PLANT - 50-400/2001-301**

Dear Mr. Scarola:

In a telephone conversation on January 19, 2001 between Mr. Andy Barbee, Superintendent-Operations Training and Mr. Ronald F. Aiello, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of a retake licensing examination at the Harris Nuclear Plant during the week of March 26, 2001.

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

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline, the administrative portion of the operating test and the supporting reference material by February 26, 2001. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outline and test before it is submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All material shall be complete and ready-to-use. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference material, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested administrative operating test, it will be necessary for your staff to make the simulation facility available on March 28 and 29, 2001.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit the preliminary senior reactor operator license application (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certification (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver request (if any) (OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the first examination date. If the application is not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. The signed application 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. Andy Barbee 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 Ron Aiello at (404) 562-4641, (Internet E-mail: rfa@nrc.gov), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: Mee@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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