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**SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS
BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT - 50-324/2001-301 AND 50-325/2001-301**

Dear Mr. Keenan:

In a telephone conversation on March 12, 2001, between Mr. Gregg Ludlum, Supervisor of Operator Continuing Training and Mr. Ronald F. Aiello, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2 during the weeks of July 30 and August 13, 2001.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations during the week of June 18, 2001. The facility has agreed to fill in the simulator scenario details (ES-D-2).

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by April 6, 2001. Any delay in receiving the required 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), 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. Gregg Ludlum 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 Mr. Ronald F. 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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