

April 20, 2001

Mr. John K. Wood
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Dear Mr. Wood:

In response to a telephone conversation on April 19, 2001, between Mr. Jim Kelley, Perry Initial License Examination Coordinator, and Mr. Michael Bielby, Chief Examiner, we have tentatively re-scheduled initial licensing examinations for your operator licensee applicants at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant during the weeks of January 27, 2003, and February 3, 2003. Validation of the examination will occur at the station during the week of January 6, 2003. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As previously agreed upon in a telephone conversation between R. Strohl, Perry, and A. M. Stone, NRC, on January 3, 2001, your staff will develop the examinations. To support the examination administration dates, we have tentatively scheduled the dates of December 16, 2002, and December 23, 2002, to perform our review of your submitted examinations.

Your staff indicated you are training 12 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule. Please also inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you are unable to support the examination on the scheduled dates.

Once your staff has determined a schedule for examination development, please have them contact the Chief Examiner to arrange for a suitable examination outline submittal date for NRC review. The intent is for the examination outline to be submitted early in the examination development process. This is to preclude the need to make significant changes to developed examination material as a result of the NRC review of the outline. Mr. Michael Bielby has been tentatively assigned as the Chief Examiner for the January and February examination.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the examination outlining examination security expectations, listing the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirming the examination dates, and reconfirming the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. Michael Bielby of my staff at 630-829-9762.

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