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**SUBJECT: REACTOR OPERATOR RETAKE INITIAL EXAMINATIONS - H. B. ROBINSON  
STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT - REPORT NO. 50-261/2001-302**

Dear Mr. Moyer:

In a telephone conversation on May 30, 2001, between Mr. Donald McCaskill, Superintendent Operations Training, and Ms. Kathleen O'Donohue, Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing retake examinations at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant on July 30, 2001 (written examination).

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, Supplement 1, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC staff will provide concept questions to be reviewed and revised, as needed, by your staff. Your staff will provide copying services for administering the exam. Arrangements have been made to review the exam material on July 18, 2001 in the regional office. 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 revised examination outline by June 10, 2001. In an effort to support the schedule, the NRC will provide draft questions to your staff who will validate and revise the questions as necessary. Intermittent reviews of the revised questions will be scheduled to further support the timeliness of the retake written exam. The complete retake written exam and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by July 18, 2001. 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.

In order to conduct the requested retake written examination, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402. Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination is being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary reactor operator license application (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 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 examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Don McCaskill 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 Kathleen O'Donohue at (404) 562-4555, (Internet E-mail: [KFO@NRC.GOV](mailto:KFO@NRC.GOV)), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: [MEE@NRC.GOV](mailto:MEE@NRC.GOV)).

Sincerely,

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