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SUBJECT: FORT CALHOUN STATION INITIAL LICENSING RETAKE EXAMINATION 50-285/01-302

Dear Mr. Gambhir:

In a telephone conversation on August 9, 2001, between Mr. T. O. McKernon and Mr. D. Weaver, Operations Training Supervisor, arrangements were made for the administration of a retake licensing examinations at the Fort Calhoun Station during the week of October 22, 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 examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by October 1, 2001. The written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will also be due by October 1, 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. 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. The NRC will review the examination and contact your staff with any comments for revision by October 12, 2001.

In order to conduct the requested written retake 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 and those applicable portions should be read to the applicant before the examination.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary 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, October 25, 2001.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. D. Weaver 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 Tom McKernon at 817 860-8153, or myself at 817 860-8159.

Sincerely,

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