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**SUBJECT: WATERFORD 3 - NOTIFICATION OF NRC EXAMINATION,
REPORT 50-282/02-301**

Dear Mr. Herron:

In a telephone conversation on August 31, 2001, between Messrs. T. O. McKernon and R. Fletcher, Operations Training Supervisor, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Waterford 3 facility during the week of January 22, 2002.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations 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 22, 2001. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by November 22, 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.

In addition, the NRC will validate the proposed examination during the week of January 7, 2002. The facility should have available the plant specific simulator and staff to support the validation.

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 (i.e., by December 22, 2001). 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. R. Fletcher 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 me at 817-860-8159.

Sincerely,

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