

November 21, 2001

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SUBJECT: REACTOR OPERATOR (RO) INITIAL WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS -
(RETAKE) BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT 1

Dear Mr. Myers :

In a telephone conversation on November 19, 2001, between Mr. P. Bissett, Examiner/Inspector, and Mr. T. Wooley, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing RO written retake examinations at Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 1, on January 30, 2002.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the RO written 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, the written examinations will be due by December 14, 2001. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the written examination before it is submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials should be complete and ready-to-use. Any delay in receiving the required examination or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested 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 examinations are being administered.

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.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Wooley 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 Paul Bissett at (610) 337-5266, or me at (610) 337-5183.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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