November 30, 2001

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SUBJECT: CALENDAR YEAR 2003 SCHEDULING OF NRC REGION III LICENSED OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Rencheck:

The purpose of this letter is to enlist your support in the scheduling of calendar year 2003 initial licensed operator examinations in NRC Region III. The enclosure of this letter lists requests received from Region III facility licensees for licensed operator examinations for that calendar year. A large number of those examination requests fall within the months of September through December 2003. In addition, Region III facility licensees have provided us with projected dates during which they would expect to conduct licensed operator requalification examinations during that year. This information indicates that the NRC operator licensing staff would need to conduct six of the eight calendar year 2003 Region III licensed operator requalification baseline inspections during those same months. Consequently, the projected workload for the Region III operator licensing examiners during the final quarter of calendar year 2003 will be difficult to accomplish.

We have contacted the other NRC regional and headquarters offices to ascertain the availability of qualified examiners from outside Region III. Based on current projections, we can accommodate the majority of the exams near the requested dates, but will have to schedule several exams approximately two months prior to or beyond the requested quarter. Before we finalize the calendar year 2003 exam dates, we want to provide you the opportunity to re-evaluate your training and examination schedule and determine whether you can realign your request to outside the fourth calendar quarter of 2003. Please contact us to revise or reaffirm your request by calling Mr. David Hills (630-829-9733) of my staff within fifteen days of the date of this letter. We will proceed with scheduling the calendar year 2003 examinations after December 15, 2001.

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Sincerely,

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LIST OF 2003 EXAMINATIONS REQUESTED

AS OF NOVEMBER 26, 2001

FACILITY	PRIMARY DATE	SECONDARY DATE
PERRY	JAN 2 - FEB 7, 2003 (Scheduled)	
FERMI	MAR 10 - 21, 2003	MAR 3 - 14, 2003
PRAIRIE ISLAND	MAR 25, 2003	
PALISADES	APR 14 - 25, 2003	
LASALLE	MAY 19 - 30, 2003 (but **NOT** Apr 2003)	JUN 2003
DRESDEN	JUN 2 - 13, 2003	JUN 9 - 20, 2003
DAVIS-BESSE	JUN 2003	JUL 2003
PRAIRIE ISLAND	SEP 21, 2003	SEP 28, 2003
KEWAUNEE	SEP 2003	OCT 2003
MONTICELLO	SEP 2003	OCT 2003
POINT BEACH	SEP 2003	OCT 2003
BYRON	OCT 27 - NOV 7, 2003	NOV 10 - 21, 2003
QUAD CITIES	NOV 3 - 14, 2003	OCT 27 - NOV 7, 2003
BRAIDWOOD	NOV 10 - 21, 2003	DEC 1 - 12, 2003
CLINTON	NOV 10 - 21, 2003	DEC 8 - 19, 2003
D. C. COOK	MID-NOV TO MID-DEC 2003	

NOTE: DUANE ARNOLD HAS NOT REQUESTED AN EXAM IN 2003.