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**SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS
WATTS BAR - 50-390/2002-301**

Dear Mr. Scalice:

In a telephone conversation on March 18, 2002, between Mr. Jack Cox, Nuclear Training Manager and Mr. Steven D. Rose, Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Watts Bar during the week of December 2, 2002 (operating test) and November 25, 2002 (written examination). The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of November 11, 2002.

The NRC will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 8, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the examinations during the week of October 21, 2002. The facility has agreed to fill in the scenario details (ES-D-2) and the details of the JPMs. The facility has also agreed to make all of the copies of the examination prior to administration.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by April 1, 2002. Any delay in receiving the required reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examination to be rescheduled.

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 examination is being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit preliminary 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 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. Mr. Jack Cox 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 Steven D. Rose at (404) 562-4609, (Internet E-mail: SDR2@NRC.GOV), Lee R. Miller at (404) 562-4676, (Internet E-mail: LRM@NRC.GOV), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: MEE@NRC.GOV).

Sincerely,

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