

November 20, 2002

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SUBJECT: SENIOR REACTOR AND REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL
EXAMINATIONS - SEABROOK STATION

Dear Mr. Warner:

In telephone conversations on November 15, 2002, between Mr. John G. Caruso, Senior Examiner/Inspector, and Mr. Kerry Wright, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Seabrook Station, during the week of June 2, 2003.

As agreed upon during the telephone conversation, 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." Since this is an NRC developed examination periodic on-site or Region I reviews will be conducted with your staff during the examination development phase between January and April of 2003. In addition, a formal on-site validation of the proposed examination will be conducted with your staff the week of April 28, 2003.

The reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by January 6, 2003. 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 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. 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. This letter contains information collections that are subject to the *Paperwork Reduction Act of*

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Wright 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 Mr. Caruso at (610) 337-5389, or me at (610) 337-5183.

Sincerely,

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