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**SUBJECT: SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR RETAKE INITIAL EXAMINATIONS WATTS  
BAR - 50-390/2003-301**

Dear Mr. Scalice:

In a telephone conversation on March 10, 2003, between Mr. Terry L. Newman, Initial License Lead Trainer and Mr. Robert L. Monk, Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of a written licensing examination at Watts Bar during the week of May 12, 2003.

The facility 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 will be given the opportunity to review the examination during the week of April 28, 2003.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations, 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 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. Terry L. Newman 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 Robert L. Monk at (404) 562-4671, (Internet E-mail: [RLM2@NRC.GOV](mailto:RLM2@NRC.GOV)), George T. Hopper at (404) 562-4645, (Internet E-mail: [GTH1@NRC.GOV](mailto:GTH1@NRC.GOV)), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: [MEE@NRC.GOV](mailto:MEE@NRC.GOV)).

Sincerely,

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