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**SUBJECT: SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION - NRC INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION NOTIFICATION (EXAMINATION REPORT 50-361; 50-362/03-301)**

In a telephone conversation on June 26, 2003, between Messrs. A. Hagemeyer, Manager, Operator Licensing and Simulator, and T. F. Stetka, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at your San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station during the week of December 15, 2003.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the operating test and the NRC will prepare the written examination 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 20, 2003.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the reference materials and the operating test integrated outlines by August 11, 2003. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. 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) no later than November 10, 2003. 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 or no later than December 1, 2003.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Hagemeyer 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. Tom Stetka at (817) 860-8247, or myself at (817) 860-8159.

Sincerely,

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