

July 16, 2003

Mr. Mark Peifer  
Site Vice-President  
Duane Arnold Energy Center  
Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
3277 DAEC Road  
Palo, IA 52324

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL/REQUALIFICATION OPERATOR LICENSE  
EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Peifer,

In a letter dated July 5, 2002, (NG-02-0533) your staff requested we schedule an initial license operator examination in November 2004. In a subsequent telephone conversation on June 16, 2003, between Mr. D. McNeil of my staff and Mr. C. Kress, DAEC Training Manager, the requested examination was tentatively scheduled to occur during the weeks of January 31, 2005 and February 7, 2005. On-site validation of the examination will occur at the station approximately 3 weeks before the examination administration. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As stated in your letter, your staff will develop the examination. Mr. Kress indicated that you are training approximately 16 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule. Mr. Kress also indicated there may be a desire to move the examination back to the last week of November 2004 or the first two weeks of December 2004. Finally, Mr. Kress confirmed that the week of November 1, 2004, scheduled for the biennial requalification program inspection (IP 71111.11B), was still within the anticipated requalification examination administration cycle. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for either of the examinations.

A supplementary letter will be sent to the training department approximately 120 days prior to the initial examination informing them of the chief examiner's name. The letter will also outline examination security expectations, list the materials required by the NRC to conduct the examination, reconfirm the examination dates, and reconfirm the number of candidates you have in the training program. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Mr. H. Peterson of my staff at 630-829-9707.

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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
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