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**SUBJECT: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1 - NOTIFICATION OF NRC INITIAL
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION NOTIFICATION (EXAMINATION
REPORT 05000313/2004-301)**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In a telephone conversation on July 23, 2003, between Messrs. G.Giles, Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, Operations Training Supervisor, and K. Clayton, Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, during the week of January 12, 2004.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff and 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." The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary to the portion of the examination prepared by your staff before the examinations are administered. Your support for onsite validation of the examinations is required during the week of December 15, 2003. Your staff will be given the opportunity to review the NRC prepared portion of the examinations during this time.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the information for the examination outlines by September 17, 2003. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 and as specified by the chief examiner will be due by November 13, 2003. Any delay in receiving the required portion of the 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.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Giles 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. Clayton at 817-860-8216, Mr. Gage at 817-860-8273 or Mr. Gody at 817-860-8159 .

Sincerely,
/RA/

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