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**SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS  
HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT - 50-400/2004-301**

Dear Mr. Scarola:

In a telephone conversation on October 29, 2003, between Mr. Hamer Carter, Supervisor Initial Operator Programs and Mr. Gerard W. Laska, Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Harris Nuclear Plant on February 23, 2004. The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of February 9, 2004.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examination based on the guidelines in Draft Revision 9 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 before the examination is administered. Your staff will also provide copying services for administering the exam.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by December 10, 2003. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by January 12, 2004. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, 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 examination 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 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. Hamer Carter 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 Gerard W. Laska at (404) 562-4626, (Internet E-mail: [GWL1@NRC.GOV](mailto:GWL1@NRC.GOV)), George 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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