

November 19, 2003

Mr. Roy Anderson
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SUBJECT: SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATION (RE-TAKE) -
HOPE CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In telephone conversations on November 12, 2003, between Mr. T. Fish, Examiner/Inspector, and Mr. J. Reid, Operations Training Leader, arrangements were made for the administration of a re-take licensing examination (Category A of the operating test, only) at Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station, during the week of January 5, 2004.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examination based on the guidelines in Revision 8 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.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the Category A portion of the operating test and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 by December 29, 2003. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the examination before it is submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials should 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.

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 senior reactor operator license applications (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certification (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver requests (OMB approval number 3150-0090) at least 30 days before the examination date. If the application is not received at least 30 days before the examination date, a postponement may be necessary. The signed application 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. Reid 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. Fish at (610) 337-5369, or me at (610) 337-5183.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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