

March 2, 2004

Mr. Lew W. Myers
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SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION
CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL/REQUALIFICATION OPERATOR LICENSE
EXAMINATIONS:

Dear Mr. Meyers:

In a letter dated February 19, 2003 (Serial 1-1302), your staff requested we schedule an initial license operator examination in February 2004, and a second examination in October 2004. In a subsequent letter dated January 9, 2004, (Serial 3-010) the dates for the examinations were changed. The initial license examination requested for February 2004 was changed to May 2004, and the examination requested for October 2004 was changed to July 2005. The examination requested for May 2004 will be administered during the week of May 3, 2004, and is currently being prepared by Davis-Besse Training Department personnel. The examination requested for July 15, 2005, has been scheduled for the week of July 18, 2005. Since the number of applicants participating in this examination exceeds 10, the week of July 25, 2005, was added to the examination schedule. These dates were confirmed during a telephone conversation on February 19, 2004, between Mr. D. McNeil of my staff and Mr. M. Trump, Davis-Besse Station Training Manager. Your letter also requested examinations be scheduled during the months of August 2006 and August 2007. These examinations will be scheduled as we approach those dates. On-site validation of the examinations will occur at the station approximately 3 weeks before examination administration. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support any of the examinations 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 instructors will develop the examinations. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below 10 for any of the examinations as this will impact the examination schedule. We have scheduled the week of October 25, 2004, for your biennial requalification program inspection (IP 71111.11B). We understand this date is still within your anticipated requalification examination administration cycle. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled dates for any of the initial license examinations or the requalification training program 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. M. Bielby of my staff at 630-829-9762.

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Sincerely,

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