

March 2, 2004

Mr. Thomas Coutu
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SUBJECT: KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Coutu:

In a letter dated September 18, 2003, your staff responded to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." Initial license examinations were requested during the month of September 2005, and during the month of September 2007. Due to a heavy work schedule, we were not able to accommodate your request for a September 2005 examination, nor were we able to use the alternate date of October 2005 as requested in the RIS response. However, we are able to provide an examination during the weeks of November 7 and 14, 2005. This date has been confirmed in a telephone conversation between Mr. D. McNeil of my staff and Mr. W. Godes, General Supervisor Operator Training. The examination requested for October 2007 will be scheduled as we approach that date.

On-site validation of the examinations will occur at Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant approximately 3 weeks before the examination administration date. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examinations during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examinations at a mutually acceptable date.

As indicated in your RIS response letter, my staff will develop the February 2004 examination and your staff will develop the November 2005 and September 2007 examinations. Your response to the RIS indicated that there will be 12 candidates for each of the November 2005 and September 2007 examinations. Please inform us if the number of candidates decreases below 10 as this will impact the examination schedule.

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. D. McNeil of my staff at 630-829-9737.

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Sincerely,

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Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

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cc: D. Graham, Director, Bureau of Field Operations
Chairman, Wisconsin Public Service Commission
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