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**SUBJECT: SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR RETAKE EXAMINATION BROWNS FERRY
NUCLEAR PLANT - 05000259/2004-302, 05000260/2004-302 AND
05000296/2004-302**

Dear Mr. Scalice:

In a telephone conversation on June 2, 2004, between Mr. Terry Chinn, Operations Training Manager, and Mr. Edwin Lea, NRC Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of a re-take written licensing examination at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. The examination is scheduled to be administered by members of your staff during the week of August 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.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline by June 7, 2004. The written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by July 16, 2004. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outline and the written examination 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.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination is being administered.

To permit timely NRC review and evaluation, your staff should submit the signed license application (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certification (OMB approval number 3150-0024), and waiver request (OMB approval number 3150-0090) by July 20, 2004.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Chin 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 Edwin Lea at (404) 562-5467, (Internet E-mail: EXL2@NRC.GOV), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: MEE@NRC.GOV).

Sincerely,

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