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**SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS  
MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION - 05000369/2005301 AND 05000370/2005301**

Dear Mr. Peterson:

In a phone conversation on August 12, 2004, between Mr. Robbie Pope, Operations Initial Licensing Training Supervisor, and Mr. Lee Miller, Senior Operations Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at McGuire Nuclear Station. The operating test is scheduled for the weeks of February 7 and February 14, 2005. The written examination is scheduled to be administered the week of February 21, 2005. The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of January 17, 2005.

As agreed during the meeting, your staff will prepare the written examinations and operating tests based on the guidelines in Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Your staff has also agreed to make all of the copies of the examination materials prior to administration. The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by October 24, 2004. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by November 24, 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 examinations 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 first 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 first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Pope 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. Lee Miller at (404) 562-4676, (Internet E-mail: [LRM@NRC.GOV](mailto:LRM@NRC.GOV)), or myself at (404) 562-4638, (Internet E-mail: [MEE@NRC.GOV](mailto:MEE@NRC.GOV)).

Sincerely,

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