

September 2, 2004

Ms. Mary G. Korsnick, Vice President
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SUBJECT: SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATION -
R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Ms. Korsnick:

In conversations on August 26, 2004 between Mr. S. Dennis, Examiner/Inspector, and Mr. K. Masker, License Instructor, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, during the week of November 1, 2004.

As agreed during the conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in 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 examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by September 3, 2004. The written examination, operating test, and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by October 1, 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 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 examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examination 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 the preliminary senior reactor operator license application (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number 3150-0090), medical certification (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 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. Masker 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. Dennis at (610) 337-5369, or me at (610) 337-5183.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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