

January 24, 2005

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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

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The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the week of February 7, 2005. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of January 31, 2005.

Please contact Mr. Hironori Peterson, at 630-829-9707, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

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