

April 18, 2005

Mr. T. Palmisano
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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
2807 West County Road 75
Monticello, MN 55362-9637

SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - CONFIRMATION OF
INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATION:

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

In a letter (L-MT-04-062) dated September 23, 2004, your staff requested we schedule an initial license operator examination in either December or November 2006. We have tentatively scheduled the requested examination to occur during the weeks of November 6 and November 13, 2006. On-site validation of the examination is tentatively scheduled to occur at the station during the week of October 9, 2006. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled weeks, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As stated in your letter, your staff will develop the examination. Your letter indicated that you are training approximately 12 candidates for the examination. Please inform us if the number of candidates declines below nine as this will impact the examination schedule. Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled date for the examination.

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. Bruce Palagi of my staff at (630) 829-9611.

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Sincerely,

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