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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATION  
BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT - 050000259/2005301, 050000260/2005301  
AND 050000296/2005301

Dear Mr. Singer:

In a telephone conversation on July 5, 2005, between Mr. Richard Moyer, Lead Examiner, and Mr. Edwin Lea, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. The operating tests are scheduled for the week of October 17, 2005. The written examinations are scheduled for the week of October 24, 2005. The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of September 19, 2005.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will prepare the written examinations and your staff will prepare the operating tests based on the guidelines in NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors", Revision 9. The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered. Your staff will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the written examinations. The NRC will review the written examinations with members of your staff in the Region II office during the week of September 12, 2005.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the operating test outlines by August 8, 2005. The operating tests and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 of ES-201 will be due by September 6, 2005. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines 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 operating tests reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the tests 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. Moye 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) 562-4567, (Internet E-mail: [exl2@nrc.gov](mailto:exl2@nrc.gov)) or me at (404) 562-4647, (Internet E-mail: [jhm2@nrc.gov](mailto:jhm2@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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