

July 27, 2005

Mr. Thomas J. Palmisano
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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the operator license applications in connection with this examination and will separately provide a list of approved applicants to Mr. James D. Lash, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers have been addressed in separate correspondence.

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 August 8, 2005, or the week of August 15, 2005. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the weeks of August 8 and August 15, 2005.

Please contact Mr. Dell R. McNeil at 630-829-9737, 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access

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Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306
License Nos. DPR-42; DPR-60

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