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**SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - NRC INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION REPORT 05000298/2005-302**

Dear Mr. Edington:

In a telephone conversation on September 29, 2005, between Messrs. Dave Tune, Operations Training Superintendent, and Michael Murphy, NRC Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of a licensing written retake examination at the Cooper Nuclear Station on October 21, 2005.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare and administer the examination based on the guidelines in Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC's regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examination is administered.

Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations, an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outline and written examination before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. The examination shall 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 examination to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examination, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402.

Appendix E to NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examination is being administered.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. M. Barton 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. Michael Murphy at 817-860-8152, or myself at 817-860-8159.

Sincerely,

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