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

Dear Mr. Edington:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Cooper Nuclear Station.

The NRC has completed its review of the operator license application submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided the name of the approved applicant to Dave Tune, Operations Training Superintendent. Note that any examination waivers and application denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examination and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination in accordance with Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," on October 21, 2005.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Michael Murphy, at (817) 860-8152, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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