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September 28, 2006

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**SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - NRC INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION APPROVAL 05000298/2006-301**

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 applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Joe Waid, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers and applications denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations 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 September 29, 2006. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of October 2, 2006.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Tom McKernon, at (817) 860-8153, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO/SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

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