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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR RETAKE INITIAL
EXAMINATIONS OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION - 05000269/2008301,
05000270/2008301 AND 05000287/2008301

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

In a meeting on November, 26, 2007, between Mr. Robert Johnston, Operations Initial Licensing Training Supervisor, and Mr. Gerard W. Laska, Senior Operations Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of a licensing retake written examination at Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2, and 3, scheduled to be administered the week of March 3, 2008.

As agreed during the meeting, your staff will prepare the reactor operator and senior reactor operator written examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by January 7, 2008. The written examinations as well as the supporting reference materials identified in NUREG 1021, ES-201, Attachment 2, "Reference Material Guidelines for Initial Licensing Examinations," will be due by January 28, 2008. Pursuant to 10CFR55.40(b)(3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, and examinations, before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402 "Administering Initial Written Examinations".

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 examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Johnston 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. Gerry Laska at (404) 562-4626, (Internet E-mail: GWL1@NRC.GOV), or me at (404) 562-4550, (Internet E-mail: MTW@NRC.GOV).

Sincerely,

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