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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL EXAMINATIONS  
JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT 05000348/2008301 AND  
05000364/2008301

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In a telephone conversation on April 17, 2008, between Ms. Donna M. Christiansen, Nuclear Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. Mark Bates, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Farley Nuclear Plant. The operating test is scheduled to be administered the weeks of October 27 and November 3, 2008. The written examination is scheduled to be administered the week of November 10, 2008. The on-site preparatory week is scheduled for the week of September 29, 2008.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare both the written examination and operating test based on the guidelines in Revision 9, Supplement 1, 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 examination is administered. Your staff has also agreed to make all copies of examination materials that are necessary for administering the exam.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the outline for the operating test by July 7, 2008. The written examinations, operating tests, and the supporting reference materials identified in NUREG 1021, ES-201, Attachment 2, "Reference Material Guidelines For Initial Licensing Examinations," will be due by September 2, 2008. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b) (3), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests 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 and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with NUREG 1021, ES-402, "Administering Initial Written Examinations," and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with NUREG 1021, ES-302, "Administering Operating Tests To Initial License Applicants," your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

Appendix E of NUREG 1021, "Policies and Guidelines For Taking NRC Examinations," 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 first examination date.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Ms. Christiansen 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. Mark Bates at (404) 562-4612, (Internet E-mail: [Mark.Bates@nrc.gov](mailto:Mark.Bates@nrc.gov)), Mr. Craig Kontz at (404) 562-4715, (Internet E-mail: [Craig.Kontz@nrc.gov](mailto:Craig.Kontz@nrc.gov)) or me at (404) 562-4550, (Internet E-mail: [Malcolm.Widmann@nrc.gov](mailto:Malcolm.Widmann@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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