

August 29, 2008

Mr. William Levis
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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION - (HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION)

Dear Mr. Levis:

In a telephone conversation on August 27, 2008, Mr. Todd Fish, NRC Senior Operations Engineer, and Mr. Mark Parrish, Hope Creek Operations Training Manager, made arrangements for the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Hope Creek Generating Station. The inspection is planned for the week of October 6, 2008, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish: 1) an index or summary of condition reports written in the past two years in which licensed operator errors were determined to be the root or contributing cause; 2) an index or summary of condition reports written in the past two years on simulator performance problems; 3) an index or summary of simulator performance test results in the past two years; and 4) the examination schedule, sample plan, written examinations and operating test scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by September 29, 2008. Mr. Parrish has been advised of this request and was provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. Fish at (610) 337-5369.

Sincerely,

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