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SUBJECT: REACTOR AND SENIOR REACTOR OPERATOR INITIAL RETAKE  
EXAMINATION NORTH ANNA POWER STATION - 05000338/2009301 AND  
05000339/2009301

Dear Mr. Christian:

In a telephone conversation on August 21, 2008, between Mr. Walt Shura, Supervisor Nuclear Training (Initial Operations), and Mr. Phillip G. Capehart, Operations Examiner, arrangements were made for the administration of a licensing retake written examination scheduled to be given on February 10, 2009, at the North Anna Power Station.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the written examination based on the guidelines in Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors."

To meet the above schedule, Mr. Phillip Capehart provided a written examination outline to your staff on August 13, 2008. The written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by December 19, 2008. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 55.40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the examinations before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready-to-use. Your staff has also agreed to make copies of all examination materials that are necessary for administering the examination.

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 ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, 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 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the written examinations is 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.

This letter contains information collections that are subject to the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995* (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). These information collections were approved by OMB, under approval number 3150-0018, which expires on June 30, 2009. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 500 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, writing the examinations, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments on any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch (T-6 F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail at [infocollectsresource@nrc.gov](mailto:infocollectsresource@nrc.gov); and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0018), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Walt Shura 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. Phillip G. Capehart at (404) 562-4483, (Internet E-mail: [Phillip.Capehart@nrc.gov](mailto:Phillip.Capehart@nrc.gov)), or me at (404) 562-4550, (Internet E-mail: [Malcolm.Widmann@nrc.gov](mailto:Malcolm.Widmann@nrc.gov)).

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