

December 29, 2008

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SUBJECT: SENIOR REACTOR AND REACTOR OPERATOR RETAKE EXAMINATION –
NINE MILE POINT – UNIT 1

Dear Mr. Polson:

In telephone conversations on December 17, 2008, between Mr. Robert Brown, General Supervisor, Operations Training, and Mr. Todd Fish, Chief Examiner, arrangements were made for administration of the operating test (simulator portion) retake licensing examinations at Nine Mile Point – Unit 1, during the week of March 2, 2009.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the simulator scenarios 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 examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the scenarios by January 20, 2009, along with supporting reference materials. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 10 CFR 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 tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials should 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 operating test and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

Appendix E of NUREG-1021 contains a number of NRC policies and guidelines that will be in effect while the scenarios 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 examination date. Because your applicants for the simulator retake examination previously passed the written test, administered on October 13, 2008, as well as the walk-through and administrative parts of the operating test, administered October 6-10, 2008, you may request waivers of those portions. 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. Mr. Brown 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. Fish at (610) 337-5369 or me at (610) 337-5046.

Sincerely,

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